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Lawyer files **complaint in Kolkata against actors Parambrata Chatterjee and Swastika Mukherjee,** alleging that their posts on social media in 2021 after TMC's victory instigated violence

A week after Pentagon decided to cancel rotational deployment of around 4,000 **US troops in Poland**, President Donald Trump announces that **US will deploy 5,000 troops** there, **taking dept by surprise,** P 22

Pep Guardiola to leave Man City after guiding team to 20 trophies, including Champions League. Widespread reports of **Jose Mourinho's return to Real Madrid** after Alvaro Arbeloa announces exit, P 24

Home minister Amit Shah announces 'smart border' project for boundaries with Pakistan and Bangladesh to ensure **'conspiracy to change the country's demography is defeated'**

RS elections to 24 seats; K'taka Cong eyes 3 of 4

EC Friday announced elections to 24 Rajya Sabha seats, including four from Karnataka, on June 18, setting the stage for a possible return of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former PM H D Deve Gowda to the Upper House. The terms of Kharge, Deve Gowda, BJP leader Iranna Kadadi and Narayana Koragappa from Karnataka are set to end on June 25. With the Congress holding a strong majority in the 224-member state Assembly, the party is expected to comfortably secure three of the four RS seats from the state. P 10

Need green card? Go home and apply, says US

Foreigners seeking to adjust their immigration status in the US to secure green cards will have to return to their country and apply, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) said Friday.

Aliens in the US "temporarily...must return to their home country to apply," said the US Dept of Homeland Security, which has oversight of USCIS. "This policy allows our immigration system to function as the law intended instead of incentivising loopholes." P 22

IN THE COURTS

- 5 months after Sunali Khatun, deported to B'desh, was brought back, govt tells SC it will bring her husband in 10 days, but **their nationality would be examined and stay in India would depend on it**
- SC **accepts explanation of 3 academics** in NCERT textbook case, **lifts ban** on their association with govt-run institutions. SG says govt will not associate with them
- Ruling that **mere assn with gangster can't justify confiscation,** Uttarakhand HC sets aside property attachment orders issued under UP Gangsters Act P 15

NTA-hired expert held in NEET case

CBI has arrested NTA-appointed exam expert Manisha Sanjay Havaldar, from Pune, in NEET-UG paper leak case. Officials said she illicitly shared multiple physics questions with co-accused Manisha Mandhare. They said Maharashtra appeared to be the centre of the leak. With her arrest, the total number of people arrested in the paper leak case has risen to 11. P 16

ISI officials at Pak terrorist's funeral

Several top terror chiefs including Hizbul chief Syed Salahuddin and Al Badr head Zameen Bakht besides ISI officials, attended the last rites of Pulwama terror mastermind Hamza Burhan who was buried on Friday morning. Pakistan police also announced the arrest of one of the shooters, a local from Nawababad in Rawalpindi who had allegedly carried out a recce. P 17

Centre, Ladakh reps agree to create elected UT body

Will Have 'Full, Legislative, Fin & Exec Powers'

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New Delhi: In a significant breakthrough, the Centre and Ladakh representatives Friday agreed on creation of an elected body at UT level "with full legislative, executive and financial powers", apart from having similar bodies in each of the seven districts.

The two sides resumed talks after a gap of over three months, with environmentalist and activist Sonam Wangchuk, released in March after six months of detention under NSA, also joining in. They reached an understanding on providing Ladakh constitutional safeguards — in matters like land, jobs and culture — under Article 371, as applicable to states like Nagaland, Sikkim and Mizoram.

While the arrangement stops short of Ladakh bodies' central demands like statehood, Sixth Schedule status and UT with a legislature, it accommodates their essence and spirit, said a govt official. The proposed elected body at the UT level will have all bureaucrats of the UT, including the chief secretary, reporting to its executive head. Also, constitutional safeguards are being provided to Ladakh, though not under Sixth Schedule but under Article 371 A, F and G — pertaining to protecting regional customs, indigenous cultures and land rights, and ensuring equitable economic development.

A press note issued by Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance after talks with home ministry representatives said MHA had explained that Ladakh could not be given statehood "at the moment" as it "currently lacks adequate revenue generation to meet revenue expenditures like salaries of employees." However, it added that "this set-up will lead Ladakh towards full statehood as and when it meets the revenue criteria".

The Ladakh bodies said the executive head of the UT-level elected body, "proposed to be chief minister", shall have control over all bureaucrats of the UT. A source said the two autonomous councils in Ladakh would also give way to elected bodies "with full legislative powers" in all seven districts.

ART 371 PROTECTION

- All **officers of the UT will report to the executive head** of the proposed elected body
- **Constitutional safeguards will be provided** to Ladakh, not under Sixth Schedule but under Article 371
- Autonomous councils in Ladakh will also give way to **elected bodies in all 7 districts**
- Setup **'will lead Ladakh towards full statehood** as and when it meets revenue criteria', claims note issued by Ladakh representatives

▶DGP deputed, P 16

Tulsi quits as US intel chief; forced out, say some reports

Washington: President Donald Trump's director of national intelligence Tulsi Gabbard said she was resigning from her post, citing her husband's bone cancer diagnosis, Fox News Digital reported Friday. Quoting a person familiar with the development, Reuters reported that the White House forced Gabbard to quit.

Gabbard notified Trump during an Oval Office meeting and her last day is expected to be on June 30, the outlet reported.

The resignation of Gabbard, a long-time sceptic of American involvement in overseas wars, comes as the US is stuck in a stalemate in its war with Iran. An Iraq war veteran, Gabbard, 45, has been a vocal opponent of the US engaging in regime change wars. AGENCIES

▶Top adviser quit, P 22

State Cong, BJP clash over withdrawal of 7 communal riots cases

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: A war of words broke out between Congress and BJP on Friday, a day after the state govt decided to withdraw criminal cases linked to the 2022 communal riots in Aland taluk of Kalaburagi district. A total of 52 cases, including seven of the Aland communal riots, have now been withdrawn.

While BJP alleged minority appeasement, Congress defended the move, saying politically motivated cases had been withdrawn after due diligence and legal scrutiny.

On March 1, 2022, some BJP workers wanted to perform a purification ritual of Shivalinga idol inside Hazrat Ladle Mashak Dargah in Aland taluk, alleging it had been desecrated. The issue led to communal violence, leading to enforcement of prohibitory orders in the area. Several police personnel, including a DSP, were injured in the riots.

> Politically motivated cases have been withdrawn. Nothing wrong in this...
> —**DK Shivakumar** | DCM
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> Decision based on legal opinion, not on the spur of the moment
> —**G Parameshwara** | HOME MINISTER
>
> Cases against more than 100 accused involved in communal riots have been withdrawn. By mixing these cases with those filed against farmers and activists, the govt is misleading the public
> —**Pralhad Joshi** | UNION MINISTER

In all, 13 cases were filed in connection with the 2022 riots. Of them, seven have been withdrawn.

Deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar defended the govt's decision, stating cases filed against Kannada activists, farmers and other protestors had also been similarly withdrawn after seeking legal opinion. He rejected BJP's allegations of minority appeasement.

▶'Found legal scope', P 8

K'taka govt may freeze transfers of Census staff till March 2027

Bengaluru: In line with Centre's instructions not to transfer officials and staff assigned for Census duty until March 31, 2027, Karnataka govt is collecting details of employees from various departments before taking a final decision on the issue likely next week, **reports Santoshkumar B.**

Nearly 1.5 lakh govt employees are expected to be involved in the second phase of population enumeration scheduled to be conducted in Feb 2027.

Karnataka State Government Employees' Association president CS Shadakshari confirmed that Centre had instructed the state against transfers. "Employees are now awaiting a final govt order," he said.

State govt employees are transferred after a two- or a three-year stint in a posting, usually during summer holidays. Duration of a posting varies from one dept to another.

▶1st phase over, P 4

2 Indians die on Everest after summiting

New Delhi/Hyderabad: Two Indians — techie Arun Kumar Tiwari (53) from Hyderabad and Sandeep Are (46) of Andhra Pradesh — died in separate incidents while descending Mt Everest after reaching the summit of the 8,848-metre peak earlier this week, **report Vishant Agarwala & Amisha Rajani.**

A third Indian remained critical at South Col, or Camp IV, at about 7,900m, expedition officials said Friday. Sherpa rescuers were trying to stabilise and move him to Camp II for a helicopter evacuation. Nivesh Karki, executive director & co-founder of Pioneer Adventure, the expedition agency handling dead climbers, said, "They fell ill while descending at high altitude. We are working on how to retrieve the bodies."

▶Yr-long preparation, P 16

HC slams WFI for calling Vinesh Oly exit nat'l shame, to decide on Asiad trials

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New Delhi: High court of Delhi Friday slammed the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) for claiming that wrestler Vinesh Phogat's Olympic 2024 disqualification was a "national shame".

The court said it will "ensure" she is able to participate in the May 30 trials for the selection of the team for the upcoming Asian Games in Japan. HC also indicated that it will pass orders after WFI resisted the court's repeated hints to allow Phogat to attend the trials, which are to be held in Delhi.

"Was it a national shame? Is this how people of this country saw it? That's how you serve the cause of sports in this country," an angry high court bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Tejas Karia observed as it took exception to WFI denying the Olympian an opportunity to compete in the trials despite clearance from the international body.

> **We are a country which celebrates motherhood. But you (WFI) denounced her (Vinesh).** If she was 100gm overweight you say country was shamed? What about the coach and support staff and mgmt that was with her, is she the only one liable? **Don't conduct yourself like this.** This is not in the best interest of sports
> —**Delhi HC**

▶Federation's stand, P 23

Will not invalid just for omission of legal heirs: SC

New Delhi: Observing that a person is legally entitled to dispose of his property as he wishes, Supreme Court has ruled that a will cannot be invalidated just on the ground that legal heirs have been denied a share, **reports Amit Anand Choudhary.**

A bench of Justices Ujjal Bhuyan and Vijay Bishnoi said the exclusion of natural heirs from a property, by itself, cannot be construed as a suspicious circumstance and dismissed the plea of the wife and children of a chartered accountant challenging the validity of his will.

Unless exclusion of legal heirs is accompanied by suspicious circumstances affecting the genuineness or execution of the will, the exclusion alone does not render a will invalid, SC said.

▶43-year battle, P 16

10-minute delivery: VTU exam ends at 5.30pm, results declared at 5.40pm

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Bengaluru: Look who's taken a lesson from quick-commerce gurus. Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), which governs more than 200 engineering colleges in Karnataka, created history Friday by announcing final-semester engineering results in just 10 minutes after the exam ended.

A total of 56,192 students appeared for BE and BTech final-semester examinations. The exam ended at 5.30pm Friday and results were announced by 5.40pm. Results, which included theory marks, were directly fed into mobile phones of students. All in a blink.

Registrar (Evaluation) UJ Ujwal added: "We adopted digital evaluation of answer scripts. We had made enough preparations to announce results quickly. With everyone's cooperation, this was made possible." The pass percentage was 99.98. Over the years, VTU has been improving its results-delivery time from 2 days in 2023 to three hours in 2024 and now in 10 minutes.

DAYS TO MINUTES

- **2023** | Results of 2019 batch (43,662 students) announced **two days after the exam**
- **May 2024** | 2020 batch (37,011 students) **results out in 3 hrs**
- **May 2025** | 2021 batch(50,321 students) results announced **within one hour of exam completion**

▶Eval completed, P 3

Why quota for kids of well-off parents, asks SC

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Friday questioned why children of economically and educationally advanced families within backward classes should be allowed to avail the benefit of reservation under OBC category.

"If both parents are IAS officers, why should they have reservations? With education and economic empowerment, there is social mobility. So then again to seek reservation for the children, we will never get out of it. That is a matter we have to be concerned about. Also, what is the use then? You are giving reservation. The parents have studied, they are in good jobs, they are getting good income, and the children want reservation again. See, they should get out of reservation," SC said.

▶Creamy layer, P 15

After benches differ on UAPA bail, SC refers question to larger bench

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New Delhi: After two benches of the Supreme Court differed over whether delay in trial can justify bail for those accused under UAPA, the apex court has now referred the issue to a large bench for authoritative pronouncement.

A bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and P B Varale said this while taking exception to remarks made by a bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan criticising them for not giving bail to Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam. The two were arrested under UAPA for allegedly inciting 2020 Delhi communal riots to force the govt to roll back the amendments to the CAA.

"Judgments of this Court are not to be answered by counter-observations from another Bench of equal strength," said Justices Kumar and Varale as they went on to explain their decision to decline bail to Khalid and Imam in Jan.

▶Govt: Would Kasab get bail over delay, P 16

Umar Khalid gets 3-day interim bail

Delhi HC on Friday granted Umar Khalid three days' interim bail in the UAPA case alleging larger conspiracy in the 2020 northeast Delhi riots. The court permitted his release from June 1 to 3 to enable him to spend time with his ailing mother, whose surgery is scheduled next month. TNN

▶Not unusual, P 16

RBI approves ₹2.9L cr dividend to govt, up 6.7% from last year

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India board Friday okayed a dividend of Rs 2.87 lakh crore to govt, 6.7% more than last year's Rs 2.69 lakh crore, even as it sharply raised transfers to its contingency risk buffer amid a surge in earnings and balance sheet expansion.

The higher dividend came despite a transfer of Rs 1.09 lakh crore to the contingency risk buffer, an increase of 143% from last year's Rs 44,861 crore, driven by a 26% rise in net income to Rs 3.96 lakh crore. Despite the larger transfer, the ratio of the contingency risk buffer to the RBI's balance sheet declined to 6.5% from 7% a year ago because the central bank's balance sheet expanded 20.6% to Rs 91,97,121.08 crore as of March 31, 2026. TNN

▶Augurs well for Centre, P 21

FDI up 16.7% in FY26 to a record $94.5bn

Gross FDI grew 16.7% in FY26 to a record $94.5bn, its fastest growth pace in 6 years, helping reverse the falling trend of net FDI after 4 years. Net FDI was estimated at $7.7bn during the last fiscal, compared with under $1 billion in the previous year. P 21

2% dip in outward remittances in FY26

Outward remittances dipped nearly 2% in FY26 to $28.98bn, indicating that visa curbs were impacting overseas education spending, which fell 20.9% from $2.92bn to $2.31bn. There was a 3.1% dip in international travel. P 21

SC to hear PIL against CBSE's 3-language plan

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear next week a PIL by parents and teachers in NCR and Chennai challenging CBSE's recent policy mandating three languages, two of them Indian, for Class IX.

Seeking urgent hearing of the PIL, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi told a bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi that suddenly, Class IX students were being made to compulsorily study two more languages. "How do the students cope with this and appear in the language paper exams? This will create chaos and confusion among students and teachers," he said.

The CJI-led bench assured that it would hear the petition next week. TNN

▶CBSE assured, P 15

₹69,000 for answersheet: CBSE portal glitch leaves students, parents baffled

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New Delhi: For many CBSE Class 12 students, the end of examinations has not brought relief. Instead, the post-result process has opened a fresh chapter of anxiety, with complaints over glitches, inaccessible portals and concerns around the evaluation system continuing to pile up. Days after students reported login failures and disruptions in accessing post-result services, new complaints have surfaced regarding wildly fluctuating fees on the revaluation portal, raising questions over the reliability of the system.

Screenshots shared online on Friday showed dramatic changes in the amount being charged for re-evaluation and answersheet-related services. According to students and parents, the fee displayed on the portal shifted unpredictably within hours from as little as Re 1 and Rs 69.7 to Rs 8,000 and, in some cases, as high as Rs 69,420 to obtain answersheets for a single subject.

'TOO MUCH TRAFFIC'

- Students, parents claimed fee to obtain answersheets for a single subject **varied from ₹1 to ₹69,420**
- **CBSE** says website facing unprecedented traffic and several **'attempts of unauthorised interference'**
- **Last date to get scanned photocopies** of XII answer books extended to May 24

▶Fee rose to ₹24k, P 11

Man gets life term for killing B'luru IBM techie; 'last seen' clinches case

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Bengaluru: A Bengaluru court Thursday sentenced a techie to life imprisonment for the Jan 19, 2016, murder of his friend and imposed a Rs 10,000 fine. The prosecution relied largely on the "last seen" theory to secure conviction.

Sukhbir Singh, 38, was found guilty of murdering Kusum Rani Singla, 31, an IBM-techie, who lived in a flat in Kadugodi. Singh, from Haryana, had earlier worked with Yahoo and Accenture in Bengaluru between 2011 and 2013 before moving to Delhi.

The chargesheet states the victim was last seen alive when she came down to the security gate to escort Singh to her flat. CCTV footage showed Singh leaving around 3.30pm, but alone. The autopsy report estimated that Kusum was murdered between 12.30pm and 3pm. Statements from security guards and others who saw the two heading to the flat, along with CCTV visuals, played a vital role in clinching the conviction.

STRANGLED HER WITH LAPTOP CORD

- **11am** | Nidhi, Kusum's flatmate, leaves for office
- **12.30pm** | Sukhbir Singh arrives to meet Kusum. He enters his name in the visitors' logbook. **Kusum comes down and takes him to her flat**
- **2.45-3 pm** | Sukhbir strangles her with a laptop cord, then **pierces her head with a sharp object**
- **3.30 pm** | Sukhbir leaves with Kusum's debit card and phone
- **8pm** | He takes a flight to Haryana after **withdrawing ₹30,000 using Kusum's card**
- **Jan 21** | He is **arrested from his village Mandkola** in Haryana

PRESSURED FOR MONEY

- Kusum and Sukhbir **became friends on Facebook in Dec 2015**
- Police sources say Sukhbir **had been pressuring Rani for a loan of ₹50,000,** but she had refused

▶Blood-stained clothes, P 4

Mandya road to get ₹11.4cr facelift for Obamas' visit

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Bengaluru: A 7.5-km road cutting through a quiet hamlet on the outskirts of Mandya is all set for a Rs 11.4 crore makeover. The reason? Former US President Barack Obama and former First Lady Michelle are expected to use that stretch to attend a foundation-laying ceremony for an international yoga and meditation centre.

In a striking example of how global spotlight can swiftly shuffle local infrastructure priorities, the Karnataka Cabinet Thursday approved a facelift for the worn-out road connecting SI Kodihalli Gate to Basaralu-Koppa Road, near Hallegere village. Apart from the Obamas, the stretch will be used by other guests and dignitaries, including Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, to attend the ceremony promoted by Bhutayi Trust.

Getty Images

Obama and Michelle plan to attend a foundation-laying event for a yoga centre near Hallegere

▶Delayed by 3 yrs, P 8

Twisha's mom-in-law tried to tinker with evidence, MP govt tells HC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bhopal: The probe into Twisha Sharma's death by alleged suicide at her marital home in Bhopal on May 12 appeared to gain momentum Friday as the Madhya Pradesh high court issued notice to her mother-in-law, retired district judge Giribala Singh, on the state's plea to cancel her anticipatory bail on grounds of suspected tampering of evidence.

The notice coincided with the arrest of the former model-actor's absconding husband, lawyer Samarth Singh, on the premises of the district court in Jabalpur. Singh was taken into custody ahead of a planned surrender after he withdrew an anticipatory bail plea in high court the previous day.

Twisha's husband Samarth was arrested before he could surrender

Twisha's family from Noida, camping in Bhopal to demand a proper inquiry into allegations of foul play in her death, was informed earlier in the day that MP had formally handed over the probe to CBI.

Giribala has been accused of calling up "influential people" and "CCTV technicians" within hours of Twisha's death. Solicitor general Tushar Mehta, appearing for MP govt, told the court during a hearing of the state's plea to cancel Giribala's anticipatory bail that there was reason to believe it had been "granted in a very hurried manner".

▶May 15 next hearing, P 16

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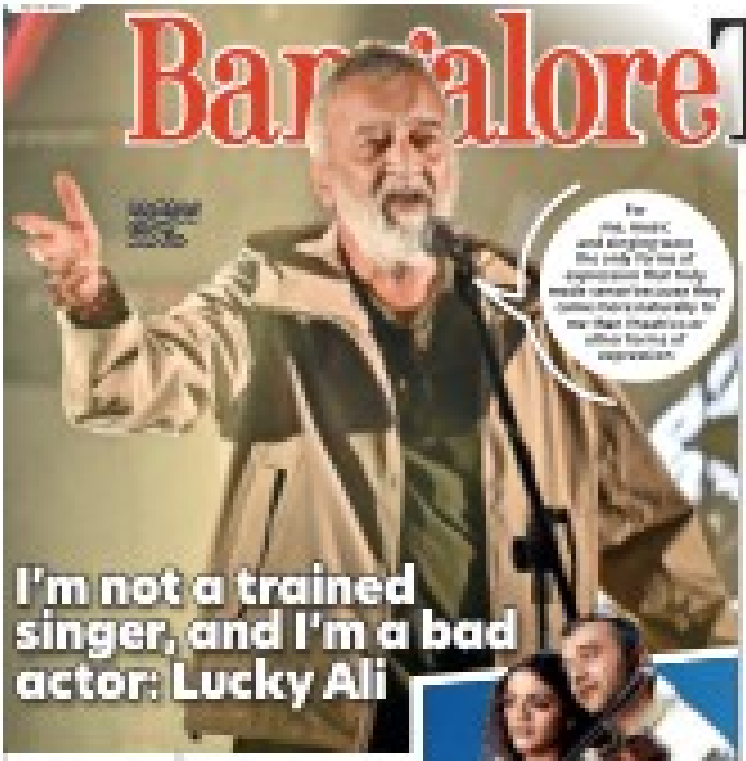

I'm not a trained singer, and I'm a bad actor: Lucky Ali

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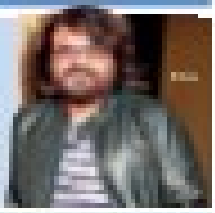

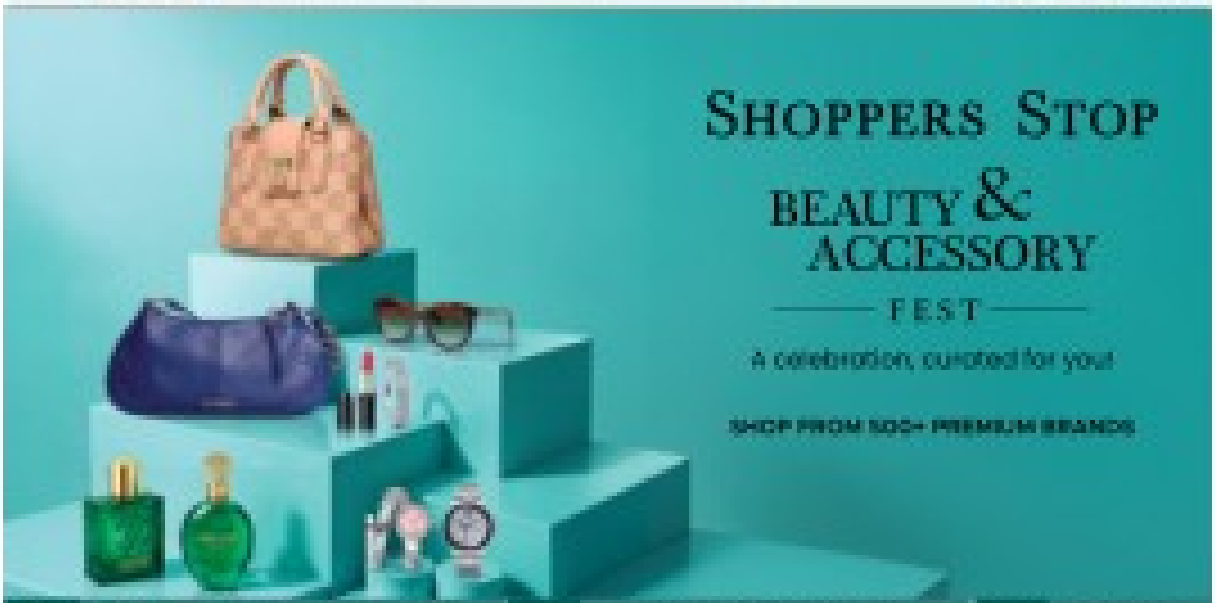

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3	89	18.00	(6.40+11.00)/2	156.60
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5	159	(10.50+9.00)/2	12.00	117.00
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7	718	12.00	(9.15+10.25)/2	116.40
8	624	9.00	12.00	108.00
9	711	12.00	(9.00+8.95)/2	107.70
10	710	12.00	(9.00+8.90)/2	107.40
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12	765	0.5x20.00	12.00	120.00
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Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 87250/-, Contact : 8217795990				
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Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 73500/-, Contact : 8217795990				
Arkavathy, 17th Block, K. Narayanapura				
20	KNP171	12.25	(8.60+7.95)/2	101.36
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 75000/-, Contact : 8217795990				
Arkavathy, 15th Block, Thanisandra				
21	TS487	18.00	(10.00+8.00)/2	162.00
22	521	15.00	(11.5+9.2)/2	155.25
23	573	18.00	(7.5+8.2)/2	141.30
24	TS488	18.00	(6.00+8.00)/2	126.00
25	522	12.00	(8.4+10.2)/2	111.60
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 87500/-, Contact : 7026566550				
Arkavathy, 8th Block, Venkateshpura				
26	989	12.00	(12.60+14.00)/2	159.60
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 75000/-, Contact : 8217795990				
Arkavathy, 20th Block, Thanisandra				
27	TS541	(1) 3.2 (2) 16.6	(1)12.00 (2)05X12	150.00
28	TS900	12.00	(13.00+8.2)/2	127.20
29	TS549A	9.00	12.00	108.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 96250/-, Contact : 7026566550				
Arkavathy, 18th Block, Byrathikhane				
30	435	12.00	(13.00+8.40)/2	128.40
31	625	(8.75+9.70)/2	12.00	110.70
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 87500/-, Contact : 8494933686				
Arkavathy, 2nd Block, Sampigehalli				
32	3187	18.00	(3.60+8.60)/2	109.80
33	2080A	24.00	0.50x8.80	105.60
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 87500/-, Contact : 8494933686				
Banashankari 6th Stage, 11th Block, Ganakallu				
34	588	24.00	(12.00+2.00)/2	168.00
35	621	18.00	(12.00+15.00)/2	243.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 84000/-, Contact : 9591964603				
Banashankari 6th Stage, 10th Block, Hemmigepura				
36	853	24.00	(12.37+20.30)/2	391.20
37	854	24.00	(12.2+5.3)/2	210.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 62300/-, Contact : 9880946840				
Banashankari 6th Stage, 5th Block, Hemmigepura				
38	2061	(16.00+4.50)/2	12.00	123.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 72000/-, Contact : 9880946840				
Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th Block, Lingadeeranahalli				
39	1803	12.00	18.00	216.00
40	1802	12.00	18.00	216.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 69300/-, Contact : 9591964603				
Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th Block, Lingadeeranahalli				
41	1800	12.00	18.00	216.00
42	1773	12.00	(8.00+12)/2	132.00
43	1704	(9.00+12)/2	12.00	126.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 69300/-, Contact : 9591964603				
Banashankari 6th Stage, 7th Block, Sompura				
44	749	24.00	(12.40+21.50)/2	406.80
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 73000/-, Contact : 9591964603				
Banashankari 6th Stage, 1st Block, Turahalli				
45	1096	18.00	(26.00+29.00)/2	495.00
46	100/F	9.00	12.00	108.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 73000/-, Contact : 9591964603				
BTM 4th Stage, 2nd Block, Devarachikkanahalli				
47	875	(12.19+10.00)	12.19	135.24
48	927	18.28	(10.00+8.50)/2	169.09
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,30,000/-, Contact : 8310525317				
Further Extension of Anjanapura, 9th Block, Gollahalli				
49	801/A	18.00	12.00	216.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 67500/-, Contact : 8310525317				
Further Extension of Anjanapura, 5th 'G' Block, Gollahalli				
50	872	12.00	18.00	216.00
51	897	12.00	18.00	216.00
52	913	15.00	24.00	360.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 67500/-, Contact : 8310525317				
Further Extension of Anjanapura, 11th Block, Kembathahalli				
53	982	18.00	(15.00+6.80)/2	196.20
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,00,000/-, Contact : 8310525317				
Further Extension of Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th 'B' Block, U.M. Kaval				
54	1224/C	24.00	13.00	312.00
55	827	(22.00+13.00)/2	12.00	210.00
56	828	(13.00+10.00)/2	12.00	138.00
57	803/U	(16.00+15.00)/2	18.00	279.00
58	1123	18.00	16.00	288.00
59	1155	24.00	15.00	360.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 69300/-, Contact : 9591964603				
Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 1st Block, Kengeri				
60	75	12.00	(7.10+12.70)/2	118.80
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Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 6th Block, Manganahalli				
61	1968	(11.80+12.00)/2	(11.60+8.20)/2	117.81
62	2087	18.00	(6.10+6.80)/2	116.10
63	2556	12.00	9.00	108.00
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66	512	6.80	18.00	122.40
67	2925	12.00	10.20	122.40
68	1793	9.50	12.00	114.00
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77	2277	9.00	12.00	108.00
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80	95	10.00	12.00	120.00
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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR e-AUCTION

(1) The auction purchaser should be a Citizen of India.

(2) Address proof: Any one of the following documents attested by a Gazetted Officer / Notary / Embassy Office (in the case of NRIs) shall be uploaded:- a) Voter ID, b) Driving License, c) Passport, d) Unique ID number (Aadhaar).

(3) Uploading of PAN Card in e-auction portal is compulsory (Should be attested by Gazetted Officer/Notary/Attested by Embassy Office in case of N.R.I.).

(4) Signature & Photo Identity should be uploaded on the e-Auction portal [Attested by a Gazetted Officer / Notary / Embassy Office (in the case of NRIs)]. Please download the prescribed format.

(5) The auction purchaser shall mention correct e-Mail address, mobile number and landline number while participating in the e-Auction. The bidder whose name is registered in the e-procurement is final and the site will not be transferred to any other name.

(6) **Minors / persons without computer knowledge are eligible to participate in the auction through their guardians or friends. While doing so, the name and related documents of only the person purchasing the property must be submitted / uploaded on the e-Auction portal while participating in the e-Auction.**

(7) Partnership firm may participate in the auction. However, the partnership firm should have been registered in India before participating in the auction.

(8) EMD amount is fixed at Rs.4.00 lakhs (Rupees Four Lakhs only) per site and this amount along with the e-Auction fee should be remitted as mentioned on the e-Procurement portal. 5% Service charge on EMD shall be deducted during refund if remitted to BDA's account instead of e-Auction Portal.

(9) All legal proceedings in respect of the auction sites are subject to the jurisdiction of Courts in Bengaluru only.

(10) Five minutes of delta time shall be extended to the last moment bids in the e-Auction.

(11) BDA reserves the right to withdraw the sites notified for auction at any time during auction period without assigning any reasons.

(12) BDA reserves the right to accept or reject the bid made by the successful bidder without assigning any reasons.

(13) **Bank Name:- Canara Bank, BDA Complex Branch, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560020. Savings Account Name:- Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru. Savings Account Number:- 2828101053014 IFSC Code No.:- CNRB0002828 Mode of Payment:- RTGS / NEFT.**

(14) Advice letters will be sent by e-Mail to successful bidders (highest bidders) to remit 25% of the total cost after deducting EMD amount of Rs.4.00 lakhs to the above-mentioned BDA's Bank Account, and the challan for remittance should be submitted to the Accounts Officer, Finance Department ('D' Block, 2nd Floor, Room No.308). In case of failure to remit 25% within stipulated time, as mentioned in the e-auction advice letter, EMD shall be forfeited. Successful bidders after remitting 25% of the final bid amount should pay the balance 75% amount within 45 days of receiving the allotment letter from BDA.

(15) EMD amount of Rs. 4.00 Lakhs of unsuccessful bidders will be credited to their Account interest free, within reasonable time.

(16) The auction purchasers who desire to have the sites jointly registered should upload the details of the persons concerned on the e-Portal. Only blood relations, viz., spouse, sons or unmarried daughters are eligible for joint registration along with the auction purchaser. The relationship of such person should be clearly mentioned and any Government ID proof must be attached along with the application. Later such requests shall be rejected.

(17) During bidding, if there are any duplication of Nick names for the same site, such bid will be rejected without assigning any reasons.

(18) **Where 25% of the total cost is not remitted within 72 hours of receiving e-Auction Advice letter by the successful bidders (highest bidders) or where 25% of the total cost is remitted after the prescribed time, the EMD amount of Rs.4.00 lakh shall be forfeited by the Authority.**

(19) As per IT Act, 1961 Sec.194 IA, where the sale consideration exceeds Rs. 50.00 lakhs, the auction purchaser should deduct 1% of the total amount payable and remit the same to the IT Department.

(20) In case there is a difference in the dimension of the site (Less / More), the full amount (less TDS) as per the dimensions in the e-Auction notification / letter of confirmation of auction site has to be remitted within the prescribed time. If the remittance is not made within the prescribed time, action will be taken as per the Disposal of Corner, Intermediate & Commercial Sites Rules, 1984 of BDA. In case there is a difference in actual dimensions of the site (less / more), the excess amount, if any, remitted by the auction purchaser due to lower dimensions shall be refunded by BDA without interest. Similarly, any incremental amount due to higher dimension of the site shall be remitted by the auction purchaser as advised by BDA. Bidder should pay the full amount and then go for correction in dimensions, if any.

(21) Bidder / auction purchaser shall abide by the Disposal of Corner, Intermediate & Commercial Sites Rules, 1984 of BDA (Document is attached as part of the e-Auction documents).

(22) For demonstration of live bidding & learning the process of bidding, visit BDA Head Office during office hours. Bidding by BDA on behalf of a bidder shall not be undertaken during the demonstration.

(23) While participating in the e-auction, the bid amount should exceed the base price by 10% i.e., site measuring 108 m^2 has base price @ Rs.45,000/m^2. Bidders should quote more than Rs.45,000x1.1=Rs.49,500/m^2 (Rs.49,500 if quoted will be rejected). However, BDA reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reasons.

(24) There should be minimum of 2 bidders for each site. Single bidder will be rejected.

(25) Website address: **https://bdakarnataka.in**

(26) E-auction bidders can download the New e-Auction bidding user manual by logging on to the website **https://bdakarnataka.in** For more information contact Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: **080-46010000 & 080-68948777.**

(27) The auctioned Sites will be allotted to the successful bidders in the same condition as they are. Bidders participating in the e-auction must physically check the location of the site, Road width etc., before bidding. Sites allotted in the e-auction will not be cancelled / substituted.

(28) Bidders participating in E-Auction are meant to adhere to all the terms and conditions specified above.

(29) Regarding the e-Auction, Bidders should contact the Authority directly and should not contact any middle men.

(30) Geo tag of the sites are for reference only. No Claim is entertained if there are any discrepancies in it.

BIDDERS HAVE TO READ ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS BEFORE BIDDING AND SHALL PARTICIPATE ACCORDINGLY.

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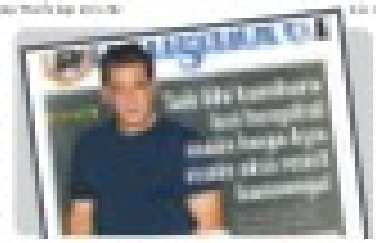

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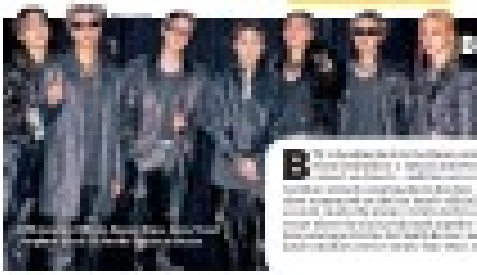

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Airfare surge grounds travel plans

RETHINKING TRIPS Travellers Reassess As Aviation Fuel Cost Sends Fares Soaring

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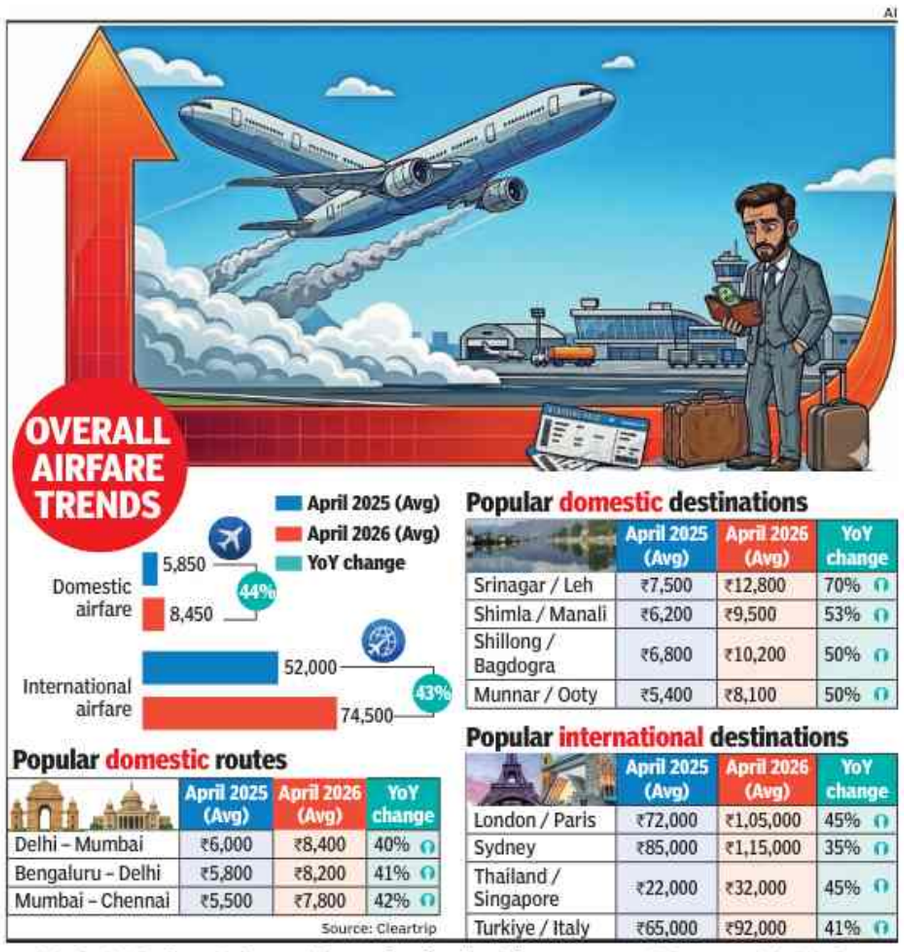
Bengaluru: Travel plans of many Bengalureans have hit turbulence as airfares have skyrocketed by up to 30%, forcing many people to rethink their holiday plans or opt for cheaper, closer destinations instead. On April 1, the Centre increased ATF (aviation turbine fuel) prices for domestic airlines by 25% to Rs 1,04,927 per kilolitre.

According to travel operators, interest in domestic travel remains strong, but higher airfares are impacting demand. Destinations such as Leh, Srinagar, Shimla, Chandigarh, Assam, Gangtok, Andaman, and Lakshadweep are seeing the highest inquiries, especially because of the weather.

"Even domestic airfares to places in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Kashmir, and Ladakh have risen by Rs 6,000-7,000 per ticket. Our assessment is that travel interest has dropped by at least 30%," Vignesh Kamath, founder and managing director, Travel Bird Vacations, Banashankari, said.

Many travellers are now opting for nearby destinations such as Gokarna and Ooty for holidays. Rajesh Jain, from ABF Travel Solutions, Basaveshwaranagar, said: "Compared to last year, holiday bookings have fallen drastically. Earlier, we used to handle over 100 bookings during May and June, but now it has reduced to barely 10-15 bookings. Most people now prefer nearby destinations such as Goa, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Ooty, and are largely travelling by car or bus to save costs."



Popular domestic destinations

	April 2025 (Avg)	April 2026 (Avg)	YoY change
Srinagar / Leh	₹7,500	₹12,800	70%
Shimla / Manali	₹6,200	₹9,500	53%
Shillong / Bagdogra	₹6,800	₹10,200	50%
Munnar / Ooty	₹5,400	₹8,100	50%

Popular international destinations

	April 2025 (Avg)	April 2026 (Avg)	YoY change
London / Paris	₹72,000	₹1,05,000	45%
Sydney	₹85,000	₹1,15,000	35%
Thailand / Singapore	₹22,000	₹32,000	45%
Turkiye / Italy	₹65,000	₹92,000	41%

Popular domestic routes

	April 2025 (Avg)	April 2026 (Avg)	YoY change
Delhi – Mumbai	₹6,000	₹8,400	40%
Bengaluru – Delhi	₹5,800	₹8,200	41%
Mumbai – Chennai	₹5,500	₹7,800	42%

Source: Cleartrip

Similarly, Sudheer Pokarna, founder of Pragathi Travels, who has been in the business for the past 12 years, said: "Airfares have increased by more than 30% after the fuel price surge. Earlier, Bengaluru-Mumbai tickets used to cost Rs 3,200-3,300 on average, but now fares are between Rs 4,500 and Rs 6,000. Bengaluru-Delhi fares, which were around Rs 6,500 earlier, have gone up to Rs 8,000-8,400."

Expensive foreign trips

Travel agencies also said international fares have increased and airfares to popular destinations such as Thailand, Singapore, and Sri Lanka have nearly doubled in some cases, leading to a drop in bookings during the peak vacation season. For example, before the Iran-US war began, Bangkok tickets cost around Rs 30,000; airfares have now nearly doubled to Rs 56,000.

Pokarna said: "Tickets to destinations such as Singapore have gone up by Rs 15,000-20,000, while Sri Lanka round-trip fares, which earlier averaged Rs 20,000-22,000, have now touched Rs 34,000. Because of this, many families are reconsidering their travel plans, as package costs that earlier came to around Rs 3 lakh are now nearing Rs 4 lakh."

Despite all these problems, demand for short-haul foreign destinations is not dropping. "This summer, travellers aren't cutting back on trips — they're travelling smarter. Despite airfare hikes driven by fuel costs, a weaker rupee, and limited international capacity, demand remains strong. We're seeing a sharp shift toward high-value short-haul destinations, with bookings to the Philippines tripling and strong growth seen across Thailand, Malaysia, Bali, Vietnam, Colombo, Singapore, and Almaty. Travellers are also opting for more flexible booking options, showing that while they are cautious, the appetite for travel remains robust," a Cleartrip spokesperson said.

Operators worried

Meanwhile, travel operators appear to be worried. Niranjan S Bhargava, president of the Travel Agents' Association of India (TAAI), Karnataka chapter, said: "Essential and business travel will continue, but discretionary corporate and leisure travel has been hit as people recalibrate budgets. While travellers who booked holidays months in advance were unaffected initially, many are now reconsidering plans, with families opting for closer and cheaper destinations like Kodaikanal instead of expensive long-distance or international trips."

He added: "The biggest concern is not profits but the decline in overall business sentiment, especially in the corporate segment. We are already in dialogue with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and authorities regarding the challenges being faced by the travel agency community and the industry."

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Kacharakanahalli lake to get walkways, wetlands

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The initiative is being executed by BNCC & minor irrigation department

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Commuters travelling towards northeast Bengaluru via Lingarajapuram flyover will soon notice a transformed landscape as the long-neglected Kacharakanahalli lake is being redeveloped under a Rs 14-crore project.

The initiative is being jointly executed by Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) and minor irrigation department. Of the total project cost, Rs 4 crore is being funded through the corporation's grant and the remaining Rs 10 crore by the department.

Spread across an area of 16 acres, the 13-acre lake is undergoing desilting and deepening works, expected to be completed by May-end. Officials say these efforts will significantly enhance the lake's water-holding capacity.

The lake, located in Sarvagnanagar assembly constituency, has a catchment area of 3.9sqkm. According to a BNCC engineer, the corporation will undertake desilting, construction of walkway, development of sedimentation pondsM and setting up of a security room. The new walkway will be over 1.2km long.

The minor irrigation department will focus on ornamental grill fencing and floating wetlands. Plans include construction of idol immersion tank within the lake premises. In addition, BWSSB is planning a sewage treatment plant for the area, though the location is yet to be finalised.

VTU evaluation completed 8 days earlier

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VTU usually completes theory exams first and holds practical exams towards the end of the schedule. The theory exams were over on May 19. Evaluation was completed and results were kept ready. On Friday, the last paper was a practical exam — on internship. The paper had internal and external examiners, who together calculated the marks and uploaded them on to the server. The theory and practical marks were immediately combined and results released.

VTU vice-chancellor S Vidyashankar said: "We've been at the forefront of adopting technology. This result is proof that VTU is student-friendly. Final-year students eagerly await results for jobs and higher education. We ensured a quick announcement of results..."

The entire evaluation process was completed eight days earlier, breaking previous records. Earlier, results were announced within one hour of exam completion. This time, results were directly sent to students' mobile numbers. Students can access their results on https://results.vtu.ac.in.

157 trees damaged in rain

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CLEANUP AFTER DOWNPOUR

Bengaluru: A day after intense thunderstorms and rain battered the city, Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) reported widespread damage caused by fallen trees and branches. Officials said 157 trees and 228 branches had fallen till Friday evening, disrupting traffic and damaging infrastructure.

Bengaluru West City Corporation recorded the highest number of tree falls at 59, followed by Central City Corporation with 50. GBA chief commissioner Maheshwar Rao directed city corporations to speed up post-storm cleanup work. He instructed civic teams to ensure smaller branches, leaves, and debris left behind after forest department removes large tree trunks, to prevent inconvenience to commuters and residents.

Rao directed officials to scientifically process the green waste generated during the cleanup. Corporations have been asked to shred branches and leaves and utilise them for composting. TNN

No shade: Sudden bus shelter removal sparks commuter anger in Jayanagar

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Bengaluru: For decades, commuters at Pump House bus stop near Jayanagar 9th Block relied on a familiar bus shelter to escape the scorching sun and sudden rain. But over the past three months, residents say the shelter has mysteriously vanished, leaving daily bus users, including senior citizens and students, waiting in the open.

Located near Jayanagar 9th Block, the Pump House bus stop serves as an important transit point for residents travelling to and from nearby localities, especially Jayanagar 4th Block. According to locals, the shelter stood for several years before disappearing abruptly, seemingly overnight. While the exact timeline of its removal remains unclear, locals estimate that it has been missing for over three months.

A recent reality check by **TOI** found that the bus shelter was located directly in front of a row of commercial establishments, including a bakery, a juice shop and a stationery store. An educational institution nearby also contributes to steady footfall at the bus stop. During visits to the location, commuters could be seen waiting under the harsh afternoon sun with no shade or seating.

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OVERNIGHT ACTION: The structure disappeared about three months ago

A tender coconut vendor operating opposite the bus stop said the shelter's disappearance came as a surprise. "One morning when I came to open my shop, I noticed it had disappeared. Someone must have removed it during the night. If authorities were removing it officially, why would it happen overnight? Many people, especially during summer, are struggling without shade," he said.

Senior citizens, among the regular users of the bus stop, said the missing shelter has made commuting difficult. One elderly resident, KV Chandrasekhar, said he reached out to both civic authorities and police but received no clear response. "This is an important stop for those going towards Jayanagar 4th Block. We are forced to stand while waiting for buses. I can't even bring my wife here because standing for long becomes difficult. The summer is already harsh, and soon the rains will begin. We request the authorities to restore the shelter at the earliest," he said.

New structure soon: Engr

When contacted, an engineer from Bengaluru South City Corporation (BSCC) acknowledged that the matter has come to the civic body's attention and indicated that private property concerns may have played a role. "We install many of these bus shelters under the PPP model. We were informed by the agency maintaining the shelter that the private property owners behind the stop wanted it removed as they felt it blocked visibility of their businesses and affected commercial activity," the engineer said.

The official added that the agency reported damage to parts of the structure, following which it was removed. "This was not brought to our notice properly. We will look into the matter, take appropriate action, and ensure that a new bus shelter is installed near the same area at the earliest," the engineer added.

However, a staffer at the bakery disputed claims that local businesses had pushed for the shelter's removal. "I think it was removed to make way for an LED bus stop; the same agency that installed it took it away," he said.

With monsoon approaching and temperatures continuing to soar, residents are now hoping civic authorities move quickly to restore basic commuter infrastructure at one of Jayanagar's long-standing bus stops.

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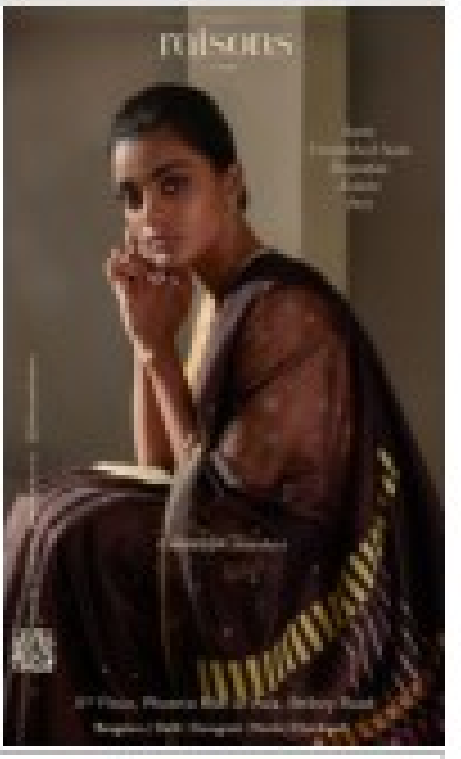
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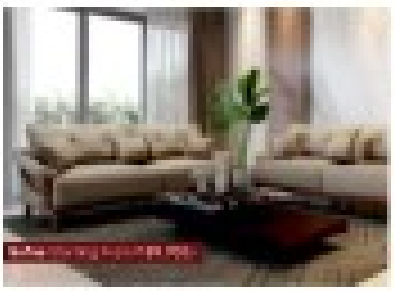

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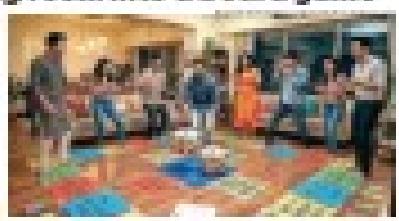

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Of 52 cases govt scrapped, some are decades old

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SOCIAL VISIT: Vikramaditya Singh, Himachal Pradesh public works and urban development minister, who was in Bengaluru, called on chief minister Siddaramaiah at his residence on Friday

Bengaluru: Besides cases linked to members of the Muslim community in the 2022 Ladle Mashak Dargah communal incident in Aland, Kalaburagi — a decision that has run into controversy — the govt has also withdrawn several decades-old criminal cases against pro-Kannada activists, farmers and protesters. Citizens booked for flouting Covid-19 lockdown rules too have been let off the hook.

One of the oldest cases to be scrapped was one registered on June 20, 2006, against TA Narayan Gowda, founder of the Kannada Rakshana Vedike (Narayan Gowda faction), and three others.

Officials say, the accused allegedly violated Section 144 restrictions by gathering at Basaveshwara Circle in Bengaluru during the peak of the Cauvery water-sharing agitation. They were accused of damaging the rear window of a govt vehicle while raising slogans against the then Congress-JD(S) govt.

Multiple cases related to the 2016 Cauvery protests in Mysuru and Mandya were also withdrawn. One case involved violence in which around 150 to 200 members of pro-Kannada organisations allegedly gheraoed 22 police personnel and staff travelling along the Magadi-Bengaluru Main Road.

Protesters were accused of setting tyres on fire, blocking traffic movement between Bengaluru, Mysuru and Tamil Nadu, and pelting stones at police vehicles. No injuries were reported in these incidents.

Violating lockdown rules

The govt also withdrew cases filed against members of the public for allegedly violating Covid-19 lockdown protocols in 2021 and 2022. One of the cases was registered against residents of Gundepalli village in Kalaburagi district, where 100 to 150 villagers were booked for allegedly gathering in groups with stones and sticks, without maintaining social distance or wearing masks, while protesting the establishment of a Covid care centre in the village.

The most recent case withdrawn dates to 2023, when members of a Scheduled Tribe community protested in Belagavi demanding an increase in reservation from 3% to 7%, in line with the recommendations of the Justice HH Nagamohan Das Committee report.

Vatal a big beneficiary

Of the total 52 cases withdrawn, 10 involve pro-Kannada activist and former MLA Vatal Nagaraj. The offences vary — from alleged violations of Covid-19 lockdown norms and protests on issues ranging from opposition to Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti (MES) to anti-Hindi demonstrations, protests on the hike in LPG cylinder prices and demands to rename Tipu Sultan Express as Wodeyar Express.

Officials say these protests were held at Mysuru Bank Circle in Bengaluru without prior permission from authorities.

Payment for 2 months still pending: Nikhil

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Bengaluru: JD(S) youth wing state president Nikhil Kumaraswamy Friday alleged irregularities in the govt's Gruha Lakshmi scheme and demanded clarifications on pending installments to beneficiaries.

GRUHA LAKSHMI

Nikhil claimed beneficiaries had received installments only for 10 months in the 2024-25 fiscal, while payments for Feb and March were yet to be credited. He said the scheme has nearly 1.3 crore beneficiaries and required Rs 28,608 crore for 2024-25. He alleged only Rs 23,608 crore was released.

"Provision for nearly Rs 5,000 crore was made in the budget, but funds were not released. The govt should clarify when the amount will be credited or explain whether the funds were diverted. Was it used for elections? The CM must answer since he's directly responsible."

In a 2025 assembly session, Hubli-Dharwad Central MLA Mahesh Tenginkai of BJP had raised similar questions. To this, CM Siddaramaiah had said the govt will transfer the amounts to beneficiaries soon.

Draft of domestic workers' bill decriminalises offences

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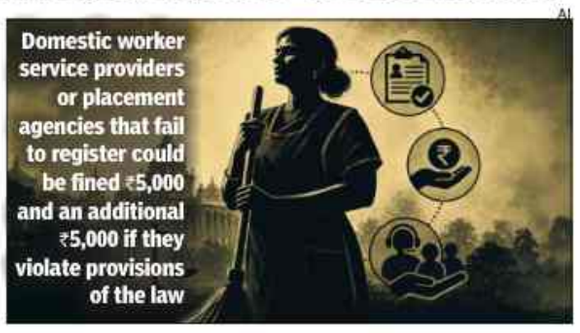

Bengaluru: The revised Karnataka Domestic Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Bill, 2026, has removed criminal provisions that were part of the earlier draft legislation.

The updated bill, which was placed before the cabinet Thursday, no longer includes the earlier provision proposing a prison term of three to seven years and a fine of Rs 50,000 for offences involving trafficking of domestic workers for immoral purposes, abuse or illegal confinement. Instead, it focuses primarily on penalties related to non-compliance with registration and labour provisions.

Cabinet yet to grant nod

"The bill did come up for discussion, but a decision was deferred as more clarity was required on some provisions of the bill," said HK Patil, law and parliamentary affairs minister.

Under the new proposal, domestic worker service providers or placement agencies that fail to register could face a fine of Rs 5,000. An additional penalty of Rs 5,000 may also be imposed if agencies are found violating provisions of the legislation.

The bill also states that individuals convicted under its provisions and subsequently found guilty again of non-compliance or contravention of the same provisions could face fines ranging from Rs 10,000 to Rs 20,000.

"In case of default of payment to the domestic worker the employer or service provider shall be liable to make payment along with interest on such payment as per rules prescribed and if payments are below minimum wages fixed for that employee then the person shall be punishable up to Rs 10,000," the bill states.

However, the proposed penalty clauses would not apply in cases where complaints filed by domestic workers against employers or service providers are pursued under the provisions of the Code on Wages, 2019.

The revised bill also states domestic workers would be entitled to minimum wages and overtime payments while working for a single employer.

Committee to advise govt

The legislation proposes the constitution of an expert committee to advise the govt on matters arising from the administration of the Act. The committee is expected to comprise a minimum of seven and a maximum of 11 members.

The govt has also proposed setting up grievance redressal committees at the district level to address complaints and concerns raised by domestic workers.

SHORT TAKES

SIR using AI to delete voters: Gundu Rao

Health minister Dinesh Gundu Rao alleged AI tools were used to find opposition party supporters and remove their names from voters' list during the SIR in Bihar and West Bengal. "It is a very serious issue that we need to protest," Rao told reporters in Mangaluru. "Nearly 29 lakh voters whose names were deleted in West Bengal had appealed before the tribunal, but even the tribunal could not hear their grievances. Where did these 29 lakh votes go? AI can easily identify Congress supporters from social media feeds. The EC has been given powers that even courts cannot interfere with even if mistakes are made." Asked why the plan failed in Tamil Nadu, he said BJP "has no base there".

3 yrs on, LoP yet to get official quarters

Opposition leader **R Ashoka** wrote to the chief secretary Thursday revealing he is yet to be allotted accommodation despite being appointed to post in Nov 2023. In his letter, Ashoka wrote: "I will refuse rental allowances to protest this." Ashoka has suggested he would like to be allotted either Kumara Krupa No 1, or Race View Cottage No 1 or 2. Besides three generally reserved for the CM, there are 12 govt accommodations in Bengaluru meant for ministers, speaker of the assembly, chairman of the council, the Lokayukta and opposition leader.

15-day ultimatum on cabinet rejig

Sagar legislator Gopal Krishna Belur has issued a 15-day "ultimatum" to Congress brass to complete a cabinet overhaul, warning of "extreme" measures if new faces are not given opportunities. He told reporters in Shivamogga that the push for a cabinet rejig is a "do or die struggle" and that a delegation of 30-35 legislators will head to Delhi on May 28 or 29 to take their demands directly to the party high command. Belur said the current set of ministers have already been in office for over three years and must now make way for others. "We are asking for our rights. We will not back down," he said.

Bidadi project revives Gowda-DKS turf war

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NO HOLDS BARRED: File picture of JD(S) supremo and former PM HD Deve Gowda at a press conference where he criticised the Bidadi township project

Bengaluru: The political battle between former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda's family and deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar over the proposed Bidadi township project has reopened old fault lines surrounding land, infrastructure and real estate politics in the Bengaluru-Ramanagara corridor.

The Rs 18,000 crore project, spread across nearly 7,500 acres, is the latest flashpoint and has triggered sharp opposition from JD(S) brass led by Gowda and his son and Union minister HD Kumaraswamy.

After the cabinet approved the project, Gowda had alleged farmers' land was being acquired for "profiteering" and claimed a "land mafia" was behind the proposal. He also wrote to Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi seeking their intervention.

Kumaraswamy accused Shivakumar of converting the project into a "real estate business" and vowed support to protesting farmers. Shivakumar has dismissed the allegations and insists nearly 80% of farmers had consented to the project. The govt is expected to begin the acquisition process in June.

The confrontation is also being viewed as a larger political contest for influence in the Vokkaliga stronghold of Ramanagara — now Bengaluru South — Bidadi and Kanakapura, where both the Gowda family and Shivakumar have deep political roots.

BMIC Corridor tussle

The row has revived memories of the decades-long conflict between Gowda and businessman Ashok Kheny over the Bangalore Mysore Infrastructure Corridor project executed by Kheny's company NICE. The expressway and township project became one of Karnataka's most contentious land disputes, marked by allegations of excess land acquisition, prolonged litigation and political campaigns.

Gowda emerged as one of the project's fiercest critics, repeatedly demanding a CBI probe and alleging NICE had grabbed excess land from farmers. The dispute spilled into coalition politics as well, with JD(S) once threatening to withdraw support after Kheny joined Congress party.

In 2021, a Bengaluru civil court ruled in favour of NICE and directed Gowda to pay Rs 2 crore in damages for defaming the company and Kheny. The court noted that the project had been upheld by both the Karnataka high court and Supreme Court as being in the larger public interest.

The political sparring, though, has continued. Kumaraswamy recently accused Shivakumar of encroaching land acquired for the NICE Road project, while Congress functionaries targeted the Gowda family over alleged land holdings around Bidadi and Ramanagara.

Last year, revenue officials surveyed more than 110 acres of farmland linked to Kumaraswamy, his relatives and former minister DC Thammanna at Kethaganahalli near Bidadi following allegations of govt land encroachment. Kumaraswamy denied any wrongdoing and termed the exercise politically motivated.

Strategic importance

Political observers say recurring land battles in Bengaluru's expanding periphery reflect the rising strategic and commercial importance of these areas as the city grows outward. Kumaraswamy and members of the Gowda family have historically represented Ramanagara and Channapatna, while Shivakumar, who represents Kanakapura, has steadily expanded Congress's influence in the region, turning it into a direct political battleground between the two camps.

Political analyst Vishwas Shetty said land politics has historically shaped regional politics. "Whenever Bengaluru expands, land becomes the centre of political power. Ramanagara, Bidadi and Kanakapura are strategically important because urban growth directly increases land value. Political families naturally seek influence over these regions," he said.

Urban policy expert N Krishnaswamy, said: "Projects involving thousands of acres inevitably trigger fears among farmers regarding compensation, displacement and speculative real estate activity. In Karnataka, land acquisition around Bengaluru has always had political overtones."

State seeks chapter on groundwater

Bengaluru: The state govt has written to the Centre seeking inclusion of a separate chapter on "groundwater" in NCERT school textbooks, which it says would help spread awareness on water conservation among future generations.

NS Boseraju, minister for minor irrigation, said the proposal was made in view of increasing concerns over climate change, excessive groundwater extraction and the looming threat of future water scarcity.

He said the current NCERT Class 10 social science textbook contains a chapter titled 'Water resources', but it focuses largely on surface water.

NCERT TEXTBOOKS

Boseraju pointed out that nearly 97% of the world's freshwater exists as groundwater and in India, 50% of domestic water use and 25% of agricultural activities depend on groundwater sources. He said annual water consumption is increasing by nearly 1%, but surface water is dwindling.

He also said the number of over-exploited, critical and semi-critical groundwater zones has increased significantly over the past two decades, while groundwater quality continues to deteriorate due to contamination.

In the revised Class 10 curriculum being prepared under NEP 2020 and NCFSE 2023 for the 2027-28 academic year, the state has proposed a chapter that includes topics such as rainwater harvesting, aquifer recharge, groundwater mapping and water conservation programmes implemented by agencies, including the jal shakti ministry. TNN

Min: Obama visit delayed by three years

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While Mandya district incharge minister N Chaluvarayaswamy said the "trust is yet to decide on a date", district officials pointed out that the event was originally planned for Dec 2023, but delays in infrastructure development and non-availability of the Obamas delayed it by nearly three years.

Chaluvarayaswamy said the govt has met almost all requests made by the trust. "This 7.5-km stretch is crucial as it connects the event venue to the helipad and main road. While parts of the road were re-laid earlier at a cost of Rs 20 crore, this section remained pending. The state govt has now cleared funds for PWD to take up the work," he added.

The Rs 80-crore meditation centre is being spearheaded by US-based doctor Lakshmi Narasimha Murthy, father of former US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, who had previously served as medical adviser to Obama.

Youths attack doctor at Bidar hospital; 7 held

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Bidar: A group of youths attacked a 28-year-old resident doctor on duty at Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences (BRIMS) Hospital during the wee hours of Friday. Police arrested seven people in connection with the case.

A youth from Benakanalli village was injured after he fell from his bike and was brought to the hospital for treatment late Friday night. It is said that the youths demanded treatment without a medico-legal case (MLC).

The injured doctor, **Tukaram**, a 1-year PG student at BRIMS, said he was on duty at that time and gave primary treatment to the youth and advised him to undergo tests. "A group of young men who were under the influence of alcohol attacked me asking, 'Why did I do MLC?' Other staff present at the hospital came to help me, but they pushed them and assaulted me," he added.

The injured doctor is being treated in SICU ward.

Doctors and medical students staged a protest in front of BRIMS Hospital Friday condemning the attack.

K'taka steps up Ebola surveillance

Bengaluru: Following the Union health ministry's directive to state govts to strengthen Ebola preparedness plans, Karnataka health department Thursday issued a public advisory and intensified surveillance measures across the state.

While no Ebola cases have been reported in India so far, the state said precautionary measures are being taken considering the volume of international travel and trade here.

Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases has been designated as the isolation centre in Bengaluru, while Epidemic Diseases Hospital will serve as quarantine facility. TNN

Cabinet panel found legal scope for withdrawal of cases: Parameshwara

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Home minister **G Parameshwara** said the govt had referred the issue to a cabinet subcommittee, which examined each case before recommending withdrawal. "The subcommittee concluded there was legal scope for withdrawal of cases," he said.

"The decision was not taken on the spur of the moment. It was made after detailed discussion and consideration," Parameshwara said, while declining to comment specifically on the Aland case.

Union minister Pralhad Joshi accused Cong govt of protecting "rioters" for vote-bank politics. "Cases against more than 100 accused involved in communal riots have been withdrawn. By mixing these cases with those filed against farmers and Kannada activists, the govt is misleading the public," he alleged.

"Has appeasement of rioters become more important to Congress rather than protecting law-abiding citizens? If even policemen on duty are not protected, what will happen to law and order? By sacrificing the Constitution and country's laws for appeasement politics, Congress is posing a serious danger to the nation," he said.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra wondered what message was the govt sending to society by "openly freeing" such anti-social elements accused of disturbing communal harmony.

BJP MLA Sunil Kumar questioned withdrawal of cases allegedly linked to SDPI activists and demanded clarification whether local police authorities had approved the move.

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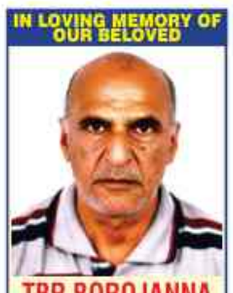

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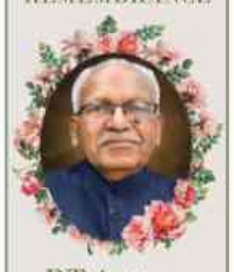

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1 yr to 1 day: Driver's term cut for taking victim to hosp

Anand Shetty was crossing M'luru-Udupi highway on July 15, 2015, when the car driven by Ahmed hit him. Ahmed shifted Anand to a hospital in his car but the latter succumbed to injuries

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Bengaluru: The high court has reduced a one-year jail term of a driver to one day of simple imprisonment in an accident case, considering he had shifted the victim to a hospital soon after the incident.

In its April 28 order, the high court, however, directed Riyaz Ahmed to pay Rs 1 lakh in enhanced compensation, in equal installments in May and June, to the wife and son of Anand Shetty, who died following the accident.

Shetty was crossing Mangaluru-Udupi highway near Beach Cross Road in Suratkal police station limits on July 15, 2015, when the car driven by Ahmed hit him.

Ahmed immediately shifted a seriously injured Shetty to a hospital in his car, but he succumbed to injuries the next day.

In 2017, a trial court held Ahmed guilty of causing death by negligence and imposed one-year simple imprisonment with a Rs 5,000 fine, payable to the dependants of the deceased. In 2018, the Mangaluru sessions court confirmed the order and Ahmed moved the high court.

His legal team told the court that he had met with an accident and had a rod implanted in his right leg. The team emphasised that because of the accident, Ahmed had lost his job as a driver.

Considering the fact that Ahmed had shifted Shetty to hospital after the accident and his willingness to pay enhanced compensation, Justice V Srishananda noted that justice would be met if the conviction is upheld and the sentence is reduced to one-day simple imprisonment along with enhancement of the compensation amount to Rs 1 lakh to be paid to Sumathi and Santhosh, wife and son, respectively, of the deceased.

Call to 'customer care' costs homemaker ₹1.4L

Woman, 49, Booked Cab On App In Delhi

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Bengaluru: A simple cab booking confusion in Delhi turned into a costly affair after a 49-year-old homemaker from Bengaluru was duped of Rs 1.4 lakh by fraudsters posing as Rapido customer care executives.

The victim, Shuchi Agarwal, a resident of BTM 4th Stage, travelled to Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) from Gurugram by booking a Rapido cab on May 15. After starting the trip, the driver informed her that the drop location was showing Terminal 2. Shuchi had booked a ride for Terminal 1. The driver suggested she contact the call centre if she had any issues. She alleged she did not get a proper response through the app. So, she searched on the internet and found two numbers — 9883371728 and 18004196230.

Soon after, she received WhatsApp calls from another number; 9864024086. She initially ignored them, but later attended the call after receiving a WhatsApp message informing her that they were from the customer care. The caller, "Tushar Singh", assured her that he would resolve the issue. He instructed her to download apps named "Help Desk Host" and "Truecaller" and follow certain steps to "register the complaint".

Even after completing the process, her issue remained unresolved. Meanwhile, she reached the airport and paid the driver. Later, while she was speaking to the so-called customer care staff, she received a fake message stating that Rs 1,45,626 had been debited from her account.

Shocked, she questioned him and was told by the fraudster that the amount had been debited from her account as she'd made a mistake in raising the complaint and convinced her that the money could be credited back only if she strictly followed his instructions and stayed connected on the call.

Meanwhile, her inbox was flooded with messages. Panic-stricken, the victim complied with the crooks' instructions to download two malicious apps on her phone.

Little did Shuchi know the fraudster was accessing her device after she installed Help Desk Host app. She received an alert of over Rs 90,000 being debited from her account. "She received a call from her bank for verification. Shuchi replied that she did not make the transaction. The bank immediately blocked all further UPI transactions. When the fraudster was unable to siphon off more money, he started shouting at her," said Shuchi's husband, Deepak Agarwal.

The fraudster then made her add a beneficiary to her account and soon he siphoned off another Rs 40,000.

"Since he was watching her screen, he got to know that her account did not have more money and he disconnected the call. Shuchi immediately called me and informed me about the fraud. I complained to the bank and on the cyber helpline. After she reached Bengaluru, she lodged a complaint," Deepak said.

A case has been registered under Information Technology Act and BNS Sections 318 (cheating) and 319 (cheating by personation).

Singh's bloodstained clothes recovered from dustbin at mall

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Handwriting experts also confirmed the signature in the visitors' book was that of Singh," said public prosecutor Meenakumari Rajavamshi.

The murder came to light around 8pm on Jan 19, 2016, when Kusum's roommate, Nidhi Sharma, returned home and found Kusum dead with blood all over the room. She had strangulation marks on her neck and sharp stab injuries on the head. Police later found that her phone, credit and debit cards were missing.

Singh's bloodstained clothes were recovered from the dustbin of an apparel shop at a nearby shopping mall. After the murder, Singh went to the shop, bought new clothes and changed. He used Kusum's debit card to pay.

He left for Haryana the same night after withdrawing Rs 30,000 using Kusum's card. Singh was arrested on Jan 21 from his village Mandkola. Kusum and Singh became friends on Facebook in Dec 2015.

Police said Singh had been pressuring Rani for a loan of Rs 50,000. She refused and reportedly told him that it was unbecoming of a man to repeatedly ask a woman for a loan.

1st phase of census over in K'taka

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In an official communication issued by revenue department (disaster management and services) on May 20, authorities were directed to submit details of trained and deployed census officials by May 23.

According to the communication, the first of two phases of Census 2027 has been concluded in Karnataka. The self-enrolment process took place from April 1 to 15 while houselisting and housing census activities were carried out from April 16 to May 15.

HEALTH AWARENESS INITIATIVE

MYOPIA AND SCREEN TIME: IS YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL LIFESTYLE AFFECTING THEIR VISION?

Balanced lifestyle habits play a crucial role in maintaining eye health

Eight-year-old Zara received a tablet during online schooling. What began as virtual classes soon expanded into gaming, cartoons, and social media. Within two years, she needed spectacles. This story is becoming common in Indian homes.

During Myopia Awareness Week, ophthalmologists are urging families to rethink children's screen habits, as excessive close-range work is increasingly linked to myopia progression. Indian children today spend long hours on smartphones, tablets, televisions, and laptops, leading to eye strain and reduced outdoor activity.

PARENTS SHOULD WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS SUCH AS:

- Frequent headaches
- Eye rubbing
- Watering eyes
- Difficulty seeing distant objects
- Reduced concentration in studies

EXPERTS RECOMMEND:

- Limiting recreational screen time
- Encouraging frequent breaks
- Following the 20-20-20 rule
- Ensuring proper lighting
- Promoting outdoor activities

Digital devices are part of modern education, but balanced habits are essential to protect children's vision.

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Lifestyle modifications such as increased outdoor activity, reduced screen time, and maintaining proper reading distance are crucial in slowing myopia progression. My focus is now on early identification of at-risk children to prevent the onset of myopia.

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Myopia is a major cause of visual impairment in children, largely linked to rising screen time. Regular eye check-ups and outdoor play are essential to prevent it. Also, specialised glasses, contact lenses and eye drops can help control its progression.

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Myopia is the most common refractive error seen in both children and adults. However, encouraging outdoor activities and reducing screen exposure can effectively help slow myopia progression in children.

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Myopia is emerging as an earliest lifestyle disease, often beginning in childhood and causing serious complications later. The good news is that its progression can be controlled through reduced screen time, increased outdoor activities, and timely intervention.

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TIMES NIE CONGRATULATES SCHOOL TOPPERS OF CBSE CLASS 10 & 12 EXAMS 2025-26 AND EXTENDS BEST WISHES FOR THEIR FUTURE

CBSE — COMMERCE					
AECS Magnolia Maaruti Public School	Vihana Sameer Shah	National Public School, Agara	Jeishna T	Army Public School, PRTC	Kumar Sachin
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Air Force School, Hebbal	Mandara Vinod	National Public School, Indiranagar	Arjun Krishnan	Capstone High School	Kaiyin Ghatani
Air Force School, Jalahalli East	Deepshika K	National Public School, ITPL	Parineeta Sahu	Delhi Public School, Bangalore East	Mydhili Kallemuchikal Renjith
Amara Jyothi Public School	Samarjit Patel	National Public School, Kengeri	Anchal Patel		
Army Public School, Kamaraj Road	Sidharth SS	National Public School, Koramangala	Rhea George and Aaryan Biyani	Delhi Public School, Electronics City	Mannat Goel
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BVM Global School	Aishwarya B	National Public School, Yeshwantpur	Sohani Sarin	DPS Bangalore South	Manasvini Manjunath
Capstone High School	Sumedha CP	Presidency School, Bangalore East	Sharanya KR	Edify School, Kanakapura Road	Diya Puranik
Chrysalis High School, Yelahanka	Diya Hirenbhai Sureja	Presidency School, Bangalore South	Achyutha Bhaskar	Euro School, Whitefield	Nithila S
Chrysalis High, Kadugodi	Aafsha Shaikh	Presidency School, Bangalore North	Vadini Sodha	Euro School, Yelahanka	Aalia Sharief
Delhi Public School, Bangalore East	Ahana Sharma	PSBB Learning Leadership Academy, Bannerghatta Road	PS Shivani	Freedom International School	Anarghya Tejaswi JM
Delhi Public School, Electronics City	Kush Jindal	School of India	Kanishk Malik	GEAR Innovative International School	Shreya Ghosh
Delhi Public School, North	Rithika	Shishya BEML Public School	Vicky Visaram Purohit	Global Indian Intl School, Whitefield campus	Arya Menon
Delhi Public School, Whitefield	Rishita Tripathi	Sindhi High School, Hebbal	Riya Bathija	Harvest International School, Kodathi	Ishaanvi
DPS Bangalore South	Ananth Krishnan	Sree Ayyappa Education Centre, Medarahalli	Parvathi Mahesh	Kendriya Vidyalaya, ASC Centre	Saanvi S Prabhu
Euro School, North campus	Bhanudheeraj	Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir, Bangalore East	Sanvi	Nagarjuna Vidyaniketan	Prachi Shukla
Euro School, Whitefield	Zara Elizabeth Zachariah	Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir, Vidyaranyapura	Rajalakshmi	National Centre for Excellence, CVR	Aninditha Pradeep
Euro School, Chimney Hills	Rishab S	St Joseph's School, Vittal Mallya Road	M Ram Charan	National Hill View Public School, RR Nagar	Vedika Sharma
Freedom International School	Dhrithi S	Soundarya Central School, Chikkabanavara	Sahaana K	National Public School, HSR Layout	Elena Kaiser
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Geethanjali Vidyalaya	Soujanya	The Brigade School, Mahadevapura	Vishesh NR	National Public School, Yeshwantpur	Disha Bhagwat
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Global Indian Intl School, Whitefield campus	Amritha Shivshankar	The Deens Academy, Whitefield campus	Ashna Panigrahy	PSBB Learning Leadership Academy, Bannerghatta Road	Vedha Vinod Nair
Harvest International School, Kodathi	Aasvi Kedia	The Knowledge Habitat School	Swarit Singh and Palash Vyas	School of India	Giana Sarah Fenny
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Lively Sunday for JP Nagar residents

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: As Happy Streets by **The Times of India** returns to JP Nagar this Sunday, the streets near Adarsh Rhythm Apartment, Sahyadri Layout, will feature a mix of interactive stalls.

Visitors can stop by Reclaim Constitution, where copies of the Preamble will be distributed. Art lovers can explore calming mandala art sessions by Prashree Art, and art and craft sessions at Art Attic and RETROVARNA School of Arts. Fitness enthusiasts can test beginner-friendly equipment at the stall by M3 Fitness Gym, while Flywheel Skating Arena introduces participants to skating. Adding an educational dimension to the morning, Alert NGO will conduct CPR training sessions, helping spread awareness about emergency response and lifesaving skills.

BHIMA presents HAPPY streets OUR ROADS. OUR WAY.

A unique cultural element comes from the Postcrossing Welfare Society of India, which aims to revive interest in postcard writing and philately by introducing visitors to the charm of stamps, postcards and handwritten communication. Happy Streets is presented by Bhima Jewellers.

Plan for cricket stadium triggers eco concerns

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Bengaluru: Even as Supreme Court continues to examine the eco-sensitive buffer zone surrounding Bannerghatta National Park (BNP), Karnataka govt's decision to build a massive international cricket stadium near the park has triggered opposition from green activists and residents.

The 80,000-capacity stadium — touted to be the second largest in India — is to be built at Indlawadi village in Anekal taluk of Bengaluru Urban district. CM Siddaramaiah is scheduled to lay the foundation stone today.

BNP BUFFER ZONE

The 70-acre site falls within the larger eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of BNP, the extent of which remains under judicial scrutiny. In 2020, the buffer zone around BNP was reduced from 268 sqkm to 168 through a govt notification. However, after the move was challenged in SC, a court-appointed central empowered committee (CEC) inspected the area earlier this year and recommended restoring the original 268 sqkm buffer zone.

The stadium, estimated to cost Rs 943.4 crore, is being developed by Karnataka Housing Board. Activists questioned how the govt could proceed with this when the ESZ issue is still pending before the apex court. Activists said the region is a critical elephant corridor and an important ecological link connecting Cauvery and Male Mahadeshwara wildlife sanctuaries.

Shivakumar, a farmer from Indlawadi village, said the project site is barely half a kilometre from the forest boundary. "The stadium will create a lot of noise and disturb animals. In such situations, their behaviour could become unpredictable and that could endanger farmers and villagers."

FROM WASTE TO WORTH:
Communities Build Greener Way of Living

B'luru residents are adopting steel plate banks, solar power, and home composting in a bid to create more sustainable living spaces

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TENDING TO THE EARTH: A greening drive at Ferns Paradise, Doddanekundi, with sapling planting | (Right) HSR Citizen Forum collects unused blouse pieces and turns them into cloth bags

In Bengaluru's apartment communities, environmental change rarely arrives in form of grandiose plans and sweeping declarations – it begins quietly, with a handful of residents working hard to find green solutions to practical irritations of community living.

In most gated communities, green drives are slowly introduced as a solution to recurring problems such as overflowing wet waste, piles of delivery bags and cardboard boxes, overwhelming number of disposable plates after events, and rising electricity bills for common areas.

These practical interventions slowly evolve into a broader sustainability effort across the city – some of the common challenges of community management are changing how people consume, reuse and conserve resources.

Disposables Are Out, Steel Plate Banks Are In

In Cascading Meadows in TC Palya, sustainability started through steel plates, tumblers, spoons, and cups. The apartment community procured steel utensils for common events, eliminating single-use plastics and paper items.

Slowly, the idea expanded, and the residents can now borrow these utensils for functions at home too. "Residents invested in the utensils once and have used them for multiple events since then," says Neelima Gudipati, a resident.

The success of the initiative is not based on strict enforcement rather on quiet consistency, via reminders on residents' groups, support of the management committee and systems to make sustainable behaviour easy. Once such a system exists, people tend to follow it.

Solar Power Becomes Normal, Not Exception

At Century Saras Apartments, solar energy is no longer just an eco-friendly project and has become part of daily life.

The community installed a solar rooftop plant in 2020 for common facilities. "Choosing to use solar energy has enabled us to save Rs 40.4lakh till now," says Satish Mallya, president of the Bangalore Apartments Federation, who lives in the complex. "We've signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) for 25 years with BESCOM. Excess solar energy is exported to their grid," he adds.

This community uses solar energy for common utilities like sewage treatment plant (STP), water treatment plant (WTP), elevators, and lighting in common areas.

Composting Lessons, Reuse Of Glass Bottles

In many communities in the city, the earliest environmental battle was over proper disposal of wet waste.

Ferns Paradise in Doddanekkundi has been composting waste since 2014. The composting system came under pressure during the Covid-19 pandemic as wet waste volumes surged and the common composting area began to feel inadequate. A group of residents stepped in and mentored around 70 households to start composting at home and trained housekeeping staff to support assisted home composting.

The move not just lowered pressure on the central composting pits, but also created a more resilient model, where responsibility was distributed instead of concentrated in one corner of the apartment complex.

Many apartments in the city, including Mantri Webcity, Hennur, La Plazzo, Sarjapur and Siroya Environ, Hebbal have created systems for recovery of dry waste. Glass bottles are stored separately and collected by REVERSE, a circular economy startup that cleans and sends the bottles back to brands for reuse. At Skylark Esta in Hoodie, Siroya Environ in Hebbal and Natasha Golfview in Domlur, glass bottle collection drives have received an overwhelming response.

Discarded Clothes, Cardboard Boxes Can Raise Funds

Communities across the city are going back to sustainable activities of 1970s and 1980s, where households used to exchange old clothes for steel utensils and get money for used paper and cardboard boxes.

Bhuvana Greens Apartments in Kasavanahalli organises a clothes collection drive every year. "Our housekeeping staff pick what they need. The rest, we donate to charity," says Valli Srinivasan, a management committee member.

Similarly, discarded cardboard boxes from online deliveries can be turned into a revenue stream. Recently, a social media post on how discarded cardboard boxes generated Rs 2.37 lakh in a community in the last financial year garnered a lot of attention. The scale is striking, but so is the lesson.

"We are planning to open a tool library in our community. We collect items that residents need only occasionally—tool kits, spanners, screwdrivers, ladders, trolleys, battery jumper sets, stretchers—and make them available as shared resources. It is not just about saving money. It is about reducing unnecessary consumption by recognising how many household purchases are for one-time or few-minutes use.

M Prakash | RESIDENT, RAINTREE BOULEVARD, JAKKUR

Housekeeping staff in Terrace Garden Apartments are allowed to collect and sell the packing boxes and retain the money as an additional incentive, says Ramesh Padmanabhan, president of the management committee. "Carry bags are folded and sent to one of our residents who runs a home bakery. She uses them for deliveries, thereby ensuring that the bags get reused at least once more," he adds.

Greening Communities, Not Just Beautifying Them

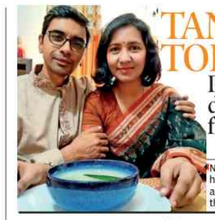
Green efforts are not just confined to waste management. A tree committee active since 2005 in Ferns Paradise has spent two decades shaping the landscape. Residents planted more than 1,000 trees, mostly native, biodiverse species instead of ornamental monocultures. They created a Miyawaki forest corner. They monitored trimming and cutting to protect the green cover from routine over-pruning. Their work built ecological identity and in 2023, the layout won recognition by the govt of Karnataka and the Lalbagh Botanical Garden.

Upcycling Unused Tamboola Blouse Pieces

Tamboola blouse pieces, often given as return gifts during festivals and functions, get accumulated over time in many households. HSR Citizen Forum began collecting these unused blouse pieces specifically for upcycling around late 2024. They are sent for stitching and turned into cloth bags.

"We convert a culturally familiar, commonly accumulated fabric item into something practical that can replace polypropylene or plastic bags," says Pushpa Venkatesh, a volunteer, adding that these bags are especially useful for gifting as well as for everyday shopping.

'TANKA TORANI' Probiotic drink from Puri



Namrata Mishra Saxena

Temple culture is invisibly ingrained in my heart as I was born in Puri, home to the famous Jagannath Temple. A coastal town in Odisha, Puri has hot and humid summers. To battle the heat, Tanka Torani, an ancient beverage, is served to devotees throughout the year.

Derived from the Odia language, 'Tanka' means cooling, and 'Torani' means fermented rice water.

This sacred drink originates from the Jagannath Temple and is made from leftover temple Mahaprasad rice, soaked in water overnight, in an earthen pot. It is refreshing, tangy, and slightly spicy, while also acting as a natural electrolyte and digestive aid.

Despite living in Bengaluru for two decades with my husband, Tanka Torani continues to be part of our lives in every possible way.

Recently, Puri's Anju and Manju, presented Tanka Torani on MasterChef India 2026, evoking nostalgic memories. This unique drink reminds that sometimes simple things in life matter a lot, bringing us true happiness.

INGREDIENTS

Base: Soft, cooked rice - 1/2 cup or about 50g | Fresh curd - 4-6 tbsp

Flavourings: Green chillies (slit) - 1-2 | Lemon leaves - 4-5 | Freshly crushed ginger - 1 inch

Seasonings: Roasted cumin powder - 1/2 tsp | Fresh lemon juice - 1 tsp | Lemon (sliced) - 1| Rock salt - To taste

Optional: Mustard oil - 1 tsp | Black mustard seeds - ½ tsp | Fresh curry leaves - 8-10

METHOD

Both freshly cooked rice and leftover rice can be used for this preparation. Just ensure that the rice is well-cooked and milled without being parboiled or steamed beforehand.

Soak the rice in about one litre of drinking water in an earthen pot, overnight in peak summer. In other seasons, leave it outside for about 18-24 hours for extra fermentation.

Gently mash the fermented rice in the water with your hand. Roughly strain the mixture to keep only the liquid with small rice particles. Then add rock salt, curd, roasted cumin powder, green chillies, torn lemon leaves, and crushed ginger. Lastly, add lemon juice and lemon slices, stir well, and infuse for 15 minutes before serving. Add ice cubes, if desired. Add a tempering (tadka) of mustard seeds and curry leaves in mustard oil for extra flavour.

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Karnataka set to name honeybee, Malabar tree toad as state species

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Apis cerana (left) and Malabar tree toad

Bengaluru: Ending a six-year wait since experts first recommended the move, Karnataka govt Friday announced it will soon officially declare the honeybee species Tudave Jenu (Apis cerana) as the state insect and the Malabar tree toad (Pedostibes tuberculosus) as the state frog in an effort to strengthen biodiversity conservation measures. Forest and ecology minister Eshwar Khandre said a formal notification is expected within days.

Marking International Biodiversity Day at Vidhana Soudha, Khandre said Karnataka is following the global trend of recognising species that symbolise ecological significance. "Several countries across the globe announce their own national birds, animals and trees to emphasise the importance of biodiversity conservation. Similarly, the state govt has also declared sandalwood as the state tree, elephant as state animal and Neelakantha (Indian roller) as state bird besides naming the colourful butterfly — Southern Birdwing (Troides minos) as the state butterfly in the past. Now, these two — insect and amphibian — will be added to the list from conservation perspective," the minister said.

Karnataka Biodiversity Board had, during 2020-21, recommended the two species after consultations with entomologists from the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), batrachologists, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) ecologists, and horticulture and home department officials. Experts have flagged declining populations of Apis cerana due to habitat loss, climate change and the spread of the Thai sacbrood virus.

Malabar tree toad, an arboreal amphibian first documented in 1875-76, had disappeared from the records for over a century before being rediscovered in Kerala in 1980. It was later documented in parts of Western Ghats in Karnataka as well.

Expressing concern over the shrinking forest cover and rising ecological pressures, Khandre also said the govt will intensify efforts to reclaim forest land worth nearly Rs 50,000 crore across Karnataka. "We have been fighting at various courts to reclaim forest land valued at Rs 50,000 crore currently held by Indian Air Force (IAF), HMT and private rubber plantation companies," he said.

Referring to the recent elephant tragedy at Dubare, the minister stressed that mitigating human-wildlife conflict remains a top priority. "The recent tragedy at Dubare is shocking. Even as we continue to witness unprecedented and unheard of incidents, fragmentation of elephant corridors, changes in tiger paths, the increasing number of wild animals and shrinking of forests are resulting in increased incidents of human-wildlife conflicts in Karnataka. Hence, the govt has taken strict measures to clear forest encroachments and reclaimed about 12,294 acres of forest land in the last three years, and 110 million saplings have been planted, nurtured across Karnataka," Khandre clarified.

Airport thief evading law held after 8 years

Bengaluru: A 30-year-old woman, who was evading court hearings for eight years after allegedly stealing luxury items at Kempegowda International Airport, has been arrested.

Mun Mun Husen, a resident of Indiranagar, was apprehended following a routine patrol operation. In 2018, Mun Mun was allegedly caught stealing a Fossil wristwatch, worth over Rs 21,000, and a portable power bank from a shop on the airport premises. Based on the shop owner's complaint, she was arrested.

KIA police filed a chargesheet in court, establishing prima facie evidence of theft against her. Mun Mun secured bail and attended the first few mandatory court hearings. However, she soon stopped appearing before the magistrate and went incommunicado.

Indiranagar police, during a local security sweep, spotted Mun Mun behaving suspiciously. When questioned, her evasive answers prompted police to take her into custody for interrogation and a background check revealed her status as a fugitive. TNN

Police: No nod given for Cockroach party protest

Bengaluru: Police Friday said there will be no "peaceful human chain" by "Cockroach Janata Party Karnataka" in front of Town Hall Sunday. "No application or permission has been received from any individual, organisation or any political party seeking permission for such a gathering. No permission for the programme or use of the location has been given to anyone by the GBA office," the police commissioner's office said in a press release. TNN

MISSION ADMISSION

The Times of India's Mission Admission, the city's leading higher education seminar and expo, will be held today, May 23, at Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Ambedkar Veedhi, Gandhinagar, from 10.30am to 4pm. Designed to help students and parents make informed choices after class 12, the day-long event will bring together academicians, counsellors, policymakers and industry experts to decode admissions, courses and future career opportunities. Entry to the event is free. See box for the schedule

Education expo to help make informed decisions

TIMINGS	SESSIONS	SPEAKERS
10.30am-11am	Inauguration & keynote	**Mohammed Mohsin** (IAS), additional chief secretary, medical education dept, govt of Karnataka
11am - 12pm	How industry-ready is engineering education in Karnataka?	**Moderator: Prof S Sadagopan**, former director, IIITB **Panelists: Kiran Kumari Patil**, director, innovations & deputy director, CMR School of Engineering and Technology; **KN Subramanya**, principal, RV College of Engineering; **Seshachalam D**, professor & vice principal (admin), BMS College of Engineering; **Udayakumar Reddy,** dean of the School of Engineering, Dayanand Sagar University
12pm - 1pm	CET counselling: A detailed walkthrough	**Manjunatha R** — Joint controller of examinations and PRO, Karnataka Examinations Authority
LUNCH BREAK		
1.30pm - 2pm	NEET Counselling: A guide on state quota seats	**Manjunatha R** — Joint Controller of Examinations and PRO, Karnataka Examinations Authority
2pm-3pm	Smart degree choices: How to match your degree with the current industry demand	**Moderator: Nilisha Mohapatra**, head of growth & partnerships, Teamlease **Panelists: AV Arunkumar,** professor and director, IFIM Institutions; **Dinesh Nilkant,** provost, Presidency University; **Harold Andrew Patrick,** professor and director, Alliance University **Harold Fernandes,** product management expert, BITS Pilani Digital; **Nisshanth Kumar M,** professor, Chanakya University
3pm-3.45pm	ComedK counselling: A comprehensive guide	**Gururaj Bhat** — Joint secretary, ComedK

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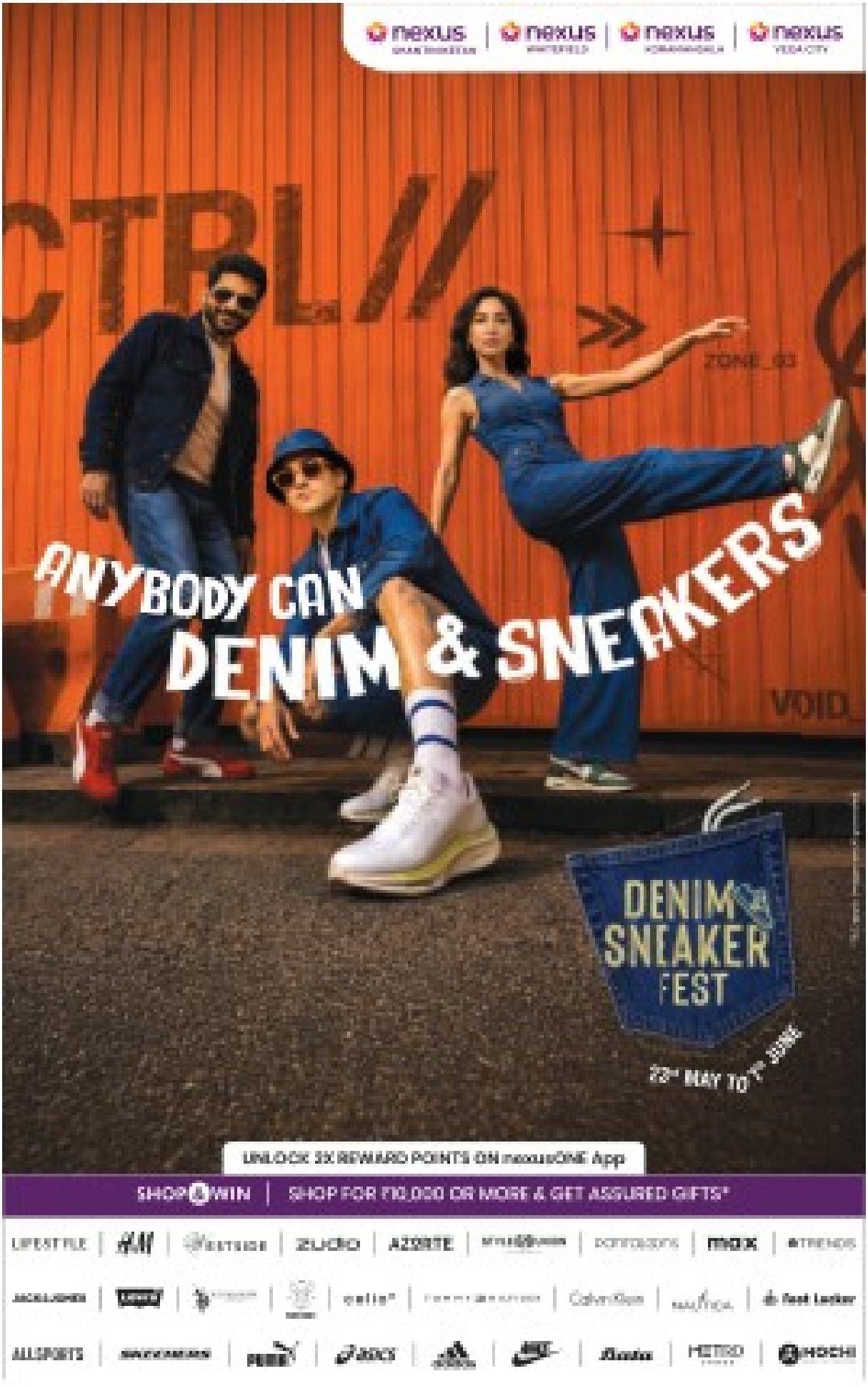
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EC Announces RS Polls For 24 Seats On June 18

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BJP-JD(S) alliance in Karnataka is likely to back former PM Gowda

New Delhi: Congress is set to go unrepresented from Gujarat in Rajya Sabha for the first time as Election Commission announced polls for 24 seats in the House on June 18. BJP's two minority faces in govt and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda figure among those retiring from the Upper House.

Going by the strength of state assemblies, where RS elections will be held on June 18, Congress may gain at least one seat and governing NDA will sweep all four seats in Andhra Pradesh amid possibility of an intriguing contest in at least two states, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh, if BJP chooses to do so.

The 24 seats are spread across Andhra Pradesh (4), Gujarat (4), Karnataka (4), Madhya Pradesh (3), Rajasthan (3), Jharkhand (2) and one vacancy each in four northeast states of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya and Mizoram.

With Shaktisinh Gohil, the lone Congress MP in RS from Gujarat, retiring and his party lacking numbers to retain the seat, the BJP bastion will no longer have any member from the rival party in the Upper House.

Against the 12 outgoing seats, BJP is all but certain to retain 11 and can bag even more if an ally like TDP backs its nominee or if a few members of rival parties support its nominees in some states, a political maneuvering it has often pulled off in the past.

Union ministers Ravneet Singh 'Bittu' and George Kurian, BJP's Sikh and Christian faces from Punjab and Kerala respectively, will retire from Rajya Sabha next month. Bittu was elected from Rajasthan and Kurian from Madhya Pradesh as BJP lacked requisite strength in assemblies of their home states.

BJP-JD(S) alliance in Karnataka is likely to back Gowda for another term. However, at 93, the former PM's health remains a point of concern.

The numbers in Karnataka assembly anyway suggest that BJP-JD(S) alliance can win only one seat against the three it currently has. Governing Congress with 134 MLAs in the House need support from one more MLA to get its three members elected.

Bhajji's political 'doosra', claims AAP sold RS seat

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Jalandhar: Former India off-spinner and current Rajya Sabha member Harbhajan Singh, who crossed over from AAP to BJP with five other members of the Upper House from Punjab, spun a 'doosra' at AAP on Friday, alleging an RS seat from the state was 'sold'.

Harbhajan, who has already restricted who can respond to his posts, was reacting to an X user's taunt on why he hadn't resigned from the seat "given" to him and what his compulsion was to join BJP. "What price did you put on your conscience? I have heard that BJP has bid 25-25 crore for traitors — is it true?" the X user asked.

Harbhajan shot back. "When the time comes, every statement of yours will be answered. And I did not abuse any of your leaders. Why would I dirty my own tongue? And to those calling me a traitor, first ask your own people at what price the Rajya Sabha seat of Punjab was sold. If they don't tell you, I will tell you who received how much offering and from whose side. And how people were made ministers and officials to loot Punjab and deliver goods to the 'Lala'. They have looted and finished Punjab."

Earlier, in an apparent dig at AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal following a jibe from an AAP supporter, Harbhajan had remarked, "...I wish your leader had 1% affection with Punjab...." Harbhajan's reply was immediately lapped up by Congress functionaries, who urged him to make more "disclosures".

"Harbhajan Singh's statement has exposed the ugly truth. The people of Punjab deserve answers from Arvind Kejriwal and Bhagwant Mann," said Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa. Congress MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira dared Kejriwal and CM Bhagwant Mann to accept Harbhajan's challenge. Congress MLA Pargat Singh demanded clarifications from both AAP and BJP. They alleged people of Punjab "already knew RS seats were sold".

Audio clip of murder plot lands lovers in prison

Ahmedabad: A viral audio clip circulating in a Uttar Pradesh village became the key evidence in a murder investigation that led an Ahmedabad district court to convict two lovers for the murder of the woman's husband. K M Sojitra, principal district judge, on Thursday sentenced Kirandevi Yadav, 34, and her partner, Dipu Shakya, 20, to life imprisonment for the murder of Hakimsingh Yadav, Kirandevi's husband, in a case where forensic voice analysis and call data records played a decisive role.

According to the prosecution, Kirandevi, a mother of two daughters, and Shakya developed an intimate relationship while Hakimsingh and Shakya worked together as security guards on the outskirts of Ahmedabad. Investigators said the couple later conspired to eliminate Hakimsingh. Police said Hakimsingh was strangled on Aug 21, 2023. TNN

Beggar on Mumbai footpath turns out to be missing medico

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Mumbai: A routine police drive to rehabilitate beggars from the street took an extraordinary turn when a disoriented pavement dweller turned out to be a former medical student separated from his family during a mental health crisis. Digging deeper, police officers tracked down the youth's family to Nanded, culminating in an emotional, late-night reunion at the Malad police station.

While a police team was rounding up beggars from Malad's SV Road, constable Komalsingh Jadhav spotted a man in his twenties on the pavement. He couldn't answer any basic questions or speak coherently. Jadhav brought him to the police station.

Rather than processing him as just another routine case, the Malad police team chose empathy. They provided him with a warm bath and a hot meal. Once he was comfortable and calm, sub-inspector Manisha Kagalkar began to gently quiz him about his past. The youth revealed his name was Abhay and that he was a third-year homeopathy student from Tamsa in Nanded district. Earlier this year, he had taken a train journey when his bag was stolen. He landed in Mumbai without any funds and without his family's contact details which were written on a paper kept in his bag. Battling a pre-existing mental health condition and unable to recall his family's phone number, Abhay eventually turned to begging just to survive.

Armed with these details, sub-inspector Kagalkar—working under the supervision of senior inspector Dushyant Chavan and DCP Sandip Ghuge — immediately contacted the Tamsa police station. The breakthrough was instant. Tamsa police confirmed that a missing person's complaint had already been registered for a young man matching Abhay's description. Kagalkar got on the phone with Abhay's father and that lead to the reunion.

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OPEN E-TENDER
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Tender Notice No. KR-PD-JK-EL-CMC-RE-KB-4-2026 dated 20/05/2026. Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. Invites tender for "COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE (BREAKDOWN/ PREVENTIVE) WORKS OF RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION WORKS INCLUDING ROCS & FOCS SYSTEM FOR 05 YEARS IN THE KATRA (Excl.) to BANIHAL (Excl.) SECTION OF UDHAMPUR-SRINAGAR-BARAMULLA RAIL LINK PROJECT, JAMMU & KASHMIR." **Approx. Cost of the work:** ₹ 32.77 Cr. **Completion period of contract:** 60 months. **Submission of Tender:** 16/06/2026 upto 15:00 hrs. **Opening of Tender:** 16/06/2026 @ 15:30 hrs. **Cost of Tender Form:** Nil. **Earnest Money/ Bid Security:** ₹ 65,54,635/- or as per IREPS to be submitted through online payment modes available on IREPS Portal only. For further details and updates please visit https://www.ireps.gov.in. Amendments/ Corrigendum, if any would be hosted on the above website only.

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No: DHO/Tender Notification/DH/02/2024-25 Date:21-05-2026

RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

District Health and Family Welfare Officer Vijayanagar inviting Re-tender through e-procurement (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) portal for supply of Various Medical and allied equipment's required for Anesthesia and O.T Department of New 250 Bedded District Hospital of Hosapete under 2024-25 KKRDB fund(Amount to Put to Tender 170.90 Lakhs) (INDENT NUMBER:DHFWS/2025-26/IND2111/CALL-2)

Interested eligible Tenderers can upload the document between date:22-05-2026 to date: 30-05-2026 time up to 05:00 pm.

For more information tenderers may contact the office phone number :08394-227040 or in persons during office hours.

Sd/-District health and Family Welfare Officer Vijayanagar
DIPR/Vijayanagar/2026-27/KSMCA/RO No/92

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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub: Purchase of Seed Treater Machine, to KSSC-reg.

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The tenderers may log on e-procurement portal of Govt. of Karnataka **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for obtaining details of Quantities Tendered and Terms & Conditions and for participation in the e-tender.

For Registration and clarifications, contact Helpdesk Phone No.080-22340060/22340984. Blank tender document can be downloaded from e-procurement portal dated **22.05.2026 after 5.00 PM. onwards.** Pre-bid Meeting is on : **09.06.2026 at 11.00 AM.** Last date for submission of Tenders: **12.06.2026 up to 5.00 PM.** Date of Opening of Technical Bids: **16.06.2026 at 03.00 PM.** Date of Opening of Commercial Bids: Will be informed later.

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Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **21.05.2026.** The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

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Government of Karnataka
Office of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ayanur Sub Division, Shivamogga
No.: ACF/Tender-CAMPA/CR-3/2025-26/3 Date: 19.05.2026

Short-Term e-Tender Notice
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Short-Term Tenders Call-2 are invited through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 from interested Forest contractors registered in Forest Department as Forest contractors for the year 2026-27 and having experience of growing saplings of various sizes, plantation advance works and having experience of carrying out similar works as put to tender in the Forest Department and having necessary facility for growing of saplings in the limits of the zone where works have to be carried out for implementation of "Advance Holes and Formation of Plantation (including work of growing of Saplings)" works mentioned in the annexure, under CAMPA Head of Account, in forest areas coming in the limits of various Forest Zones of Shivamogga Regional Forest Division for the year 2026-27. Last date for submission of Tender for the said works is fixed as: 27.05.2026 up to 4.00 PM. For further information this office can be contacted during office hours and details of the Tender can be obtained through the official website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ayanur Sub Division, Shivamogga

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Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura.

Short Term Tender Notification-05/2026-27 Date: 18.05.2026(Call-5)
Ref:1. Short Term Tender Notification- 18/2025-26 Date: 23-10-2025
2. Short Term Tender Notification- 24/2025-26 Date: 10-12-2025(Call-2)
3.Short Term Tender Notification-32/2025-26 Date: 23.01.2026(Call-3)
4.Short Term Tender Notification-39/2025-26 Date: 05.03.2026(Call-4)
(Two document System & KPPP System only)

Short term percentage tender are invited as per K.P.P.P on behalf of Managing Director KNNL Bangalore from eligible contractors such as KPWD Class-I/CPWD Class-I and Above. The tenderers are required to submit tenders only through K.P.P. portal of Govt of Karnataka **(http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

"Survey, Investigation, Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Tank Filling Scheme (Head Works consisting of construction of Barrage, Intake trough with forebay, Jack well cum pump house, Vertical Turbine Pumps coupled to Motors, Pump house electrical works, Necessary valves, Delivery Pipe, Manifold system, electrical panel, soft starter, capacitors, 11 kV transformer, 11/0.433 kV sub-station, 11 kV power line and 11 kV Terminal bay, Rising Main, Pressure Distribution) for Filling up 32 tanks of Gudavi and other MI/ZP tanks in Soraba Taluk by lifting water from Varada River near Gudavi Village including Operation and Maintenance for a period of 5 years after successful completion of work for GUDAVI TANK FILLING SCHEME on Turn-Key Basis.". (INDENT No: 3316) Work Amount put to tender **Rs. 42.06 Crores** and EMD **Rs.0.36 Crores.**

1) Date of downloading & submission of tender (through KPPP) will be on **21.05.2026 to 19.06.2026 up to 5.00 PM 2)** Date of Pre bid meeting:**30.05.2026 @11.00AM.**(O/o Chief Engineer, KNNL, UTP Zone Shimogga **3)** Opening of technical bid will be on **20.06.2026 @ 5.15 PM 4)** Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid.

For more details visit website from date-**21.05.2026** at **(http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

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Executive Engineer. KNNL, DRP Division, Shikaripura

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BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Traffic Engineering and Mobility Cell, 2nd Floor, 9th Main Road, Jayanagara East, 2nd Block, Bengaluru -560011.

No. EE/BSCC/TE & M Cell/TEND/07/2026-27 Date: 22.05.2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
Two Cover System, Short Term Tender
(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer, Traffic Engineering and Mobility Cell, BSCC, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the services detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Selection of Agency for Implementation, Operation and Maintenance of On-street Smart Parking Management System on Identified Streets in BTM Layout Constituency under PPP Mode (22 roads covering nearly 19.51 km of road length, approx. 353 car slots and 2755 two-wheeler slots) **EMD : Rs. 7,00,000.00**
2.	Selection of Agency for Implementation, Operation and Maintenance of On-street Smart Parking Management System on Identified Streets in HSR Layout under PPP Mode (12 roads covering nearly 18.02 km of road length, approx. 627 car slots and 3355 two wheeler slots) **EMD : Rs. 11,25,000.00**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka from **26.05.2026. (2)** Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **16.00 hours on 08.06.2026** **(3)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **03.06.2026 at 15.00 Hrs** noon in the office of the Chief Engineer, Bengaluru South City Corporation, 2nd floor, 9th Main Road, Jayanagara East, 2nd block, Bengaluru - 560011 **(4)** Technical Bids will be opened on the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** in the office of the Executive Engineer, Traffic Engineering and Mobility Cell, Zone-1 & 2, BSCC, Bengaluru on **09.06.2026 after 16.30 hrs.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, -Zone 1 & 2, Traffic Engineering and Mobility Cell, BSCC

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ADVT. No.MPPR- 01/2026-27 Dated: 19.05.2026

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Detailed notification containing eligibility conditions, educational qualification, pay scale, remuneration and other relevant details will be published in OPTCL website **www.optcl.co.in** shortly.

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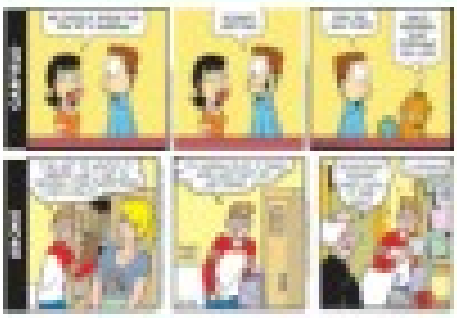

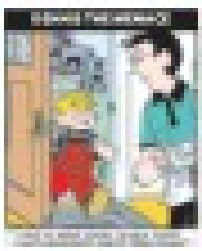

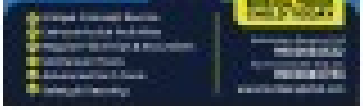

CCTV spy bust: Shopkeeper is second suspect to be nabbed

Chandigarh: A day after the arrest of Baljit Singh in an alleged espionage case linked to Pakistan-based handlers, police in Punjab's Pathankot arrested Friday a shopkeeper, Ankit Sharma, for allegedly facilitating the installation of a CCTV camera used to monitor the movement of Army and paramilitary forces along Pathankot-Jammu highway. This is the second such CCTV spy racket to be busted in Punjab in around three weeks.

Ankit, a resident of Firozpur Kalan in Pathankot, was arrested after probe pointed to his involvement, said an officer. Police said he owned a shop along NH-44 between in Sujanpur, where an Internet-enabled CCTV camera had allegedly been installed to spy on movement of security forces. Police said live feed was being electronically transmitted to Pakistan-based handlers.

Punjab's Criminal Investigation Agency received intelligence Thursday suggesting Baljit, from Chak Dhariwal in Pathankot, and his associates had links with anti-national elements and was allegedly involved in sharing sensitive information regarding security forces' movements.

During interrogation, Baljit admitted the CCTV camera was installed in Jan on the directions of a Dubai-based person, adding he received Rs 40,000 for the task. TNN

Stench leads to 2 dead women in locked house

Two women were found dead in their house in Preet Nagar area of Ambala Cantonment Friday. Their decomposing bodies were discovered after neighbours alerted authorities about a foul smell emanating from the house, Jaskaran Singh. Police named one of the deceased as Anjana, 40. The identity of the other woman, believed to be around 45, is yet to be confirmed but cops suspect they are sisters. Locals said the two had been living in isolation for years after the death of their parents. TNN

Hindus throng Bhojshala, no namaz offered

Dhar: The ancient town in MP was abuzz on Friday with all eyes on Bhojshala, where a packed house of Hindu devotees offered prayers to Goddess Vagdevi (Saraswati), but there was no 'Jumma namaz'. This was the first 'Jumma' (Friday) after the MP high court's order declaring the contested monument a Hindu temple, striking down a 2003 order by Archaeological Survey of India, which allotted Tuesdays to Hindus for prayers and Fridays to Muslims for namaz. Large security presence ensured the day passed peacefully. TNN

Fee rose to ₹24k for 3 subjects

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One widely circulated screenshot allegedly showed a student being charged Rs 69,420 each for physics, chemistry, mathematics and English core, pushing the total amount into lakhs. In another instance, screenshots showed a fee of Rs 8,000 per paper, taking the total amount to Rs 24,000 for three subjects.

Amid growing criticism, CBSE on Friday issued a fresh statement announcing another revision in the timeline for the process. It said it had extended the last date for obtaining scanned photocopies of Class XII answer books to May 24 and that students will also get up to two days after receiving the scanned copy to apply for verification/re-evaluation.

"The CBSE website has been facing unprecedented traffic since the past few days and has also faced several attempts of unauthorised interference, which has made it prone to disruptions," the statement said.

This marks the second time that the board has extended the deadline by a day. The latest controversy comes amid days of complaints related to the board's post-result services.

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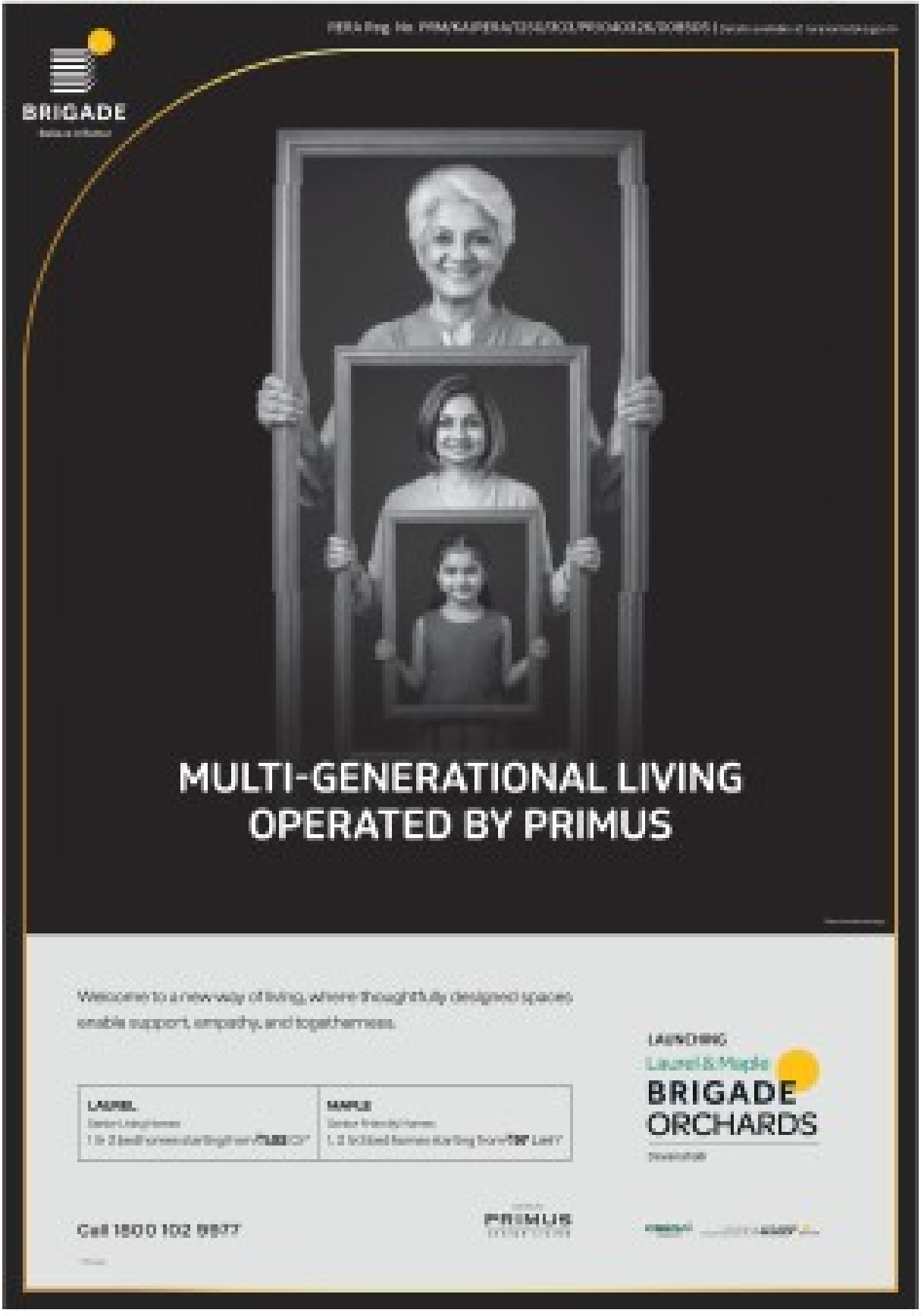
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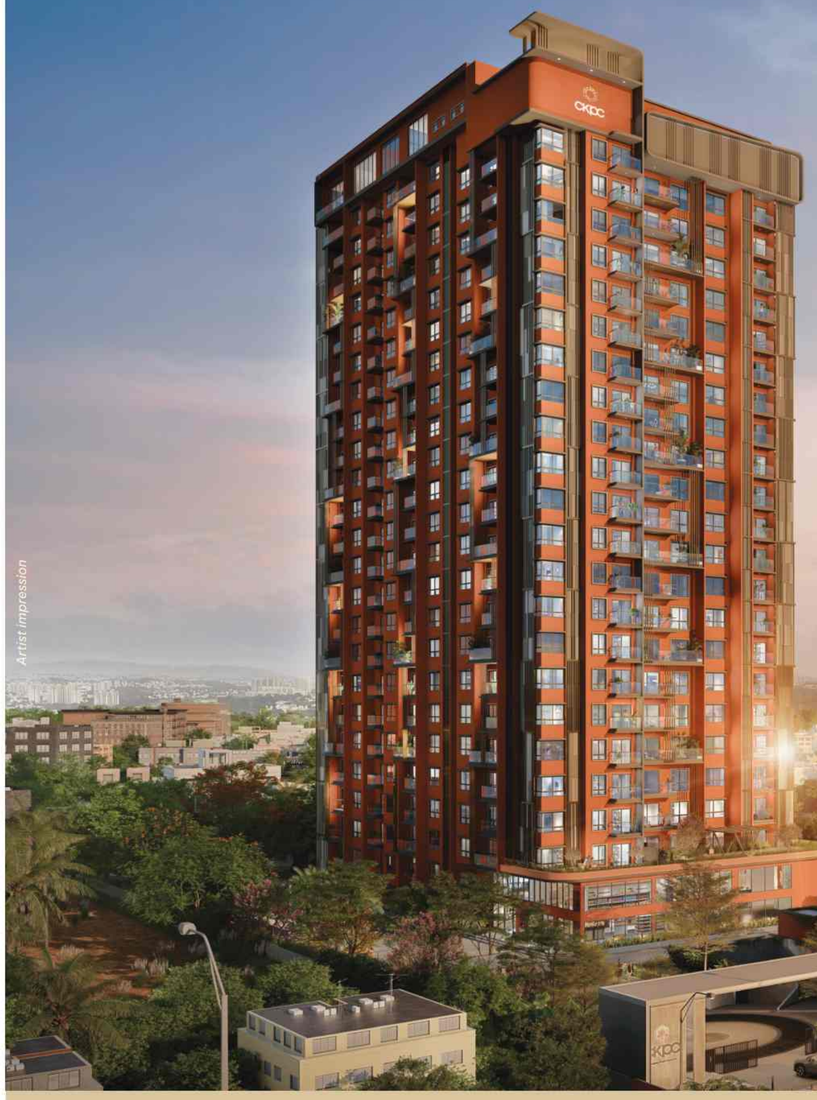

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Rubio set for 1st India visit

New Delhi: US secretary of state **Marco Rubio** will arrive in India on Saturday for a maiden four-day visit, aimed at repairing bilateral ties that have been under strain since mid-last year. The top US diplomat is scheduled to hold wide-ranging talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, in addition to meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and attending a meeting of the Quad foreign ministers in New Delhi.

The US Secretary of State will arrive in Kolkata at 7 am on Saturday. After attending an event there, Rubio will fly to New Delhi to call on Prime Minister Modi in the afternoon. On Sunday, he will hold talks with Jaishankar and attend the US Embassy's Independence Day celebrations. PTI

Committee cited creamy layer

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The bench of Justices BV Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan indicated wards of well-off families should be kept out of the purview of OBC quota. It was hearing a plea of a person who was selected for appointment as an assistant engineer in Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation in reserved category. District caste and income verification committee denied him a caste validity certificate after concluding he fell within the creamy layer.

Tiger kills 4 Maha women in one day

Chandrapur: In one of the deadliest tiger attacks in recent years, four women collecting tendu leaves were mauled to death in a single strike in Sindewahi forest range of Maharashtra's Chandrapur district, while a 55-year-old man was killed in Adyal forest range in Bhandara, 88km away, forest department officials said.

The four women — Kavdabai Dadaji Mohurle (45), Anita Dadaji Mohurle (40), Sunita Kaushik Mohurle (38) and Sangita Santosh Chaudhary (50) — had entered the forest near Gunjewahi when a tiger pounced on them. All four died before villagers could intervene. The Bhandara tribal, Baburao Pillewan of Katurli village, had gone to the forest to collect broomstick grass when he was attacked by another big cat, reports **Mazhar Ali**.

Top court lifts life ban on three profs in NCERT textbook row

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SC imposed the ban on March 11 after it took umbrage at a chapter in a textbook of NCERT for class VIII in which corruption in the judiciary was mentioned

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New Delhi: Accepting the explanation of three academics - Prof Michel Danino, Suparna Diwakar and Alok Prasanna Kumar, the Supreme Court on Friday lifted the life ban on their association with academic exercises in govt-run universities and institutions.

The ban was imposed on them by the SC on March 11 after it took serious umbrage at a chapter in the social studies textbook of NCERT for class VIII in which corruption in the judiciary was mentioned.

After their counsel explained they had high regard for the judiciary and that their intention was not to malign the judiciary but to indicate the malaise in the system and pleaded for lenience, a bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant, Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi lifted the ban.

Solicitor general Tushar Mehta said the govt has decided not to involve these three academics in any govt related academic exercise or preparation of textbooks in future.

He said the govt has received some complaints about certain objectionable cartoons relating to judiciary in other textbooks, which the govt will bring to the notice of the high-powered expert committee headed by former SC judge Indu Malhotra. After getting the views of the expert committee, which may require reconstitution, the govt would take appropriate steps, Mehta said.

When the counsel for the three academicians said they had nothing against the judiciary, Justice Bagchi said the apex court's angst was against the content, not against any individual. "We were examining the contents to find out whether it was a balanced presentation about the judiciary. We were not attempting to find out whether it was positive or negative about the judiciary," he said.

"The corruption part was mentioned. But there was no mention of the sterling role played by the apex court as the protector of the Constitution and the rights of individuals. The SC's attempt to provide legal aid to the poor, to make judiciary accessible to them was given a complete miss," Justice Bagchi said.

NCERT had told SC that the controversial chapter was drafted by the Textbook Development Team of Prof Michel Danino, Suparna Diwakar and Alok Prasanna Kumar.

SC dismisses SLP for stay on slum demolition

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Mumbai: Supreme Court has dismissed a special leave petition that sought to halt the ongoing anti-encroachment drive at Garib Nagar in Bandra East, underlining the railways are acting within the law to remove illegal structures, said Western Railway chief public relations officer Vineet Abhishek on Friday.

The development comes amid a continuing police probe into the stone-pelting and rioting reported at Garib Nagar in Bandra East during the demolition drive earlier this week. Police said three more people were arrested late on Thursday, taking the total number of arrests in the case to 19. At least five police personnel were injured during the violence on Wednesday by a group of around 150 people.

U'khand HC junks gangster property seizures

Sonali Mishra | TNN

Nainital: Uttarakhand HC set aside multiple property attachment orders issued under UP Gangsters and Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act, 1986, ruling that "mere association with an alleged gang leader cannot justify the confiscation of independently owned assets".

The single bench of Justice Ashish Naithani stated that authorities must establish a "clear and direct nexus" between attached properties and the alleged criminal activities before depriving individuals of their assets. The court described such proof as a sine qua non — an essential legal requirement — for invoking attachment proceedings under the Act. HC also referred to Article 300-A of the Constitution of India, which safeguards the right to property.

Centre agrees to bring back Sunali's husband from B'desh

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New Delhi: After bringing back a pregnant woman Sunali and her 8-yr-old son, the Centre Friday told Supreme Court that it would bring back in 10 days four others, including her husband, from Bangladesh where they were deported based on preliminary finding that they were Bangladeshi nationals.

A bench led by CJI Surya Kant was told by solicitor general Tushar Mehta the Centre has decided to bring back the other four, who were deported with Sunali, and examine their nationality. The continuation of their stay in India would depend on the outcome of the fresh scrutiny, he said.

On Dec 1, on a petition filed by Bhodu Sekh seeking repatriation of her daughter Sunali and her husband and others, the SC had asked the govt to examine if she could be brought back to India. After she was brought back, the court had directed adequate healthcare for her impending maternity.

The Calcutta HC had termed their deportation illegal and directed the Union govt to bring the family. The Centre appealed against the HC order before the SC.

MP tops in stubble-burning again

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Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh has emerged as India's stubble-burning capital for the second year in a row as the period of farmers burning crop residue approaches its end agricultural season. And Vidisha, the Lok Sabha constituency of Union agriculture minister and former MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan, has emerged as the worst violator among cities in the state, according to figures released by the Delhi-based Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR).

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From April 1 to May 21 this year, MP recorded 37,959 stubble-burning incidents, more than the combined tally of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi. UP logged the second-highest number of stubble-burning incidents in the country after MP.

A total of 66,526 stubble-burning incidents were detected in these five states, with UP accounting for 15,523, Punjab 9,615, Haryana 3,365 and Delhi 64 between April 1 and May 21, 2026, the report states.

Vidisha recorded 4,381 stubble burning incidents, more than entire Haryana.

Siddharth Nagar in UP followed Vidisha with 3,179 incidents, followed by MP's Raisen with 3,126 incidents.

In 2025 too, MP had topped the list with 33,970 stubble-burning incidents. In 2024, UP topped the dubious list with 13,824 cases, followed closely by MP with 13,377. The spike in 2025 and 2026 has worried the MP govt, which had in the past urged farmers to stop burning crop residue that puts soil fertility at risk.

INDIA DIGEST

VCK, IUML join Vijay's cabinet

Tamil Nadu CM C Joseph Vijay Friday inducted IUML's A M Shahjahan and VCK's Vanni Arasu into his cabinet, taking its strength to 35 in his multi-party coalition govt. While Shahjahan has been allocated minority welfare, Arasu has been given social justice. With this, the number of dalit ministers in TN has risen to eight. This is the first time VCK and IUML are part of the cabinet in TN. Vijay had previously inducted two Congress MLAs into his cabinet. In total, four berths now are now occupied by candidates who contested the April 23 polls under the DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance. DMK deputy general secretary A Raja attacked VCK for joining the cabinet, triggering a backlash from VCK, even as former CM Stalin urged DMK cadres not to criticise the former allies.

Maha CEC: Docus not must if voter already mapped
Citizens in Maharashtra who have been successfully mapped (from the 2002 voter list to the latest voter list) ahead of the special intensive revision (SIR) in Maharashtra will not be required to furnish documents when the enumerators visit. However, those whose mapping showed anomalies or citizens who did not participate in this at all will need to show one of 11 documents in order to be on the voter list after the SIR, the state's chief electoral officer S Chockalingam said on Friday.

Ajmer, UP clerics appeal against cow slaughter
Ajmer Dargah priests and the Imam of Lucknow's Eidgah joined Friday a widening call from Muslim clerics ahead of Bakrid next week to abjure cow slaughter and adhere to govt norms. In Ajmer, priests at the 12th-century shrine also called for the cow to be declared the country's "national animal", with a ban on sale and slaughter of cows as well as export of beef.

FIR over man's viral video of 'beer session' in Ganga
An FIR was filed against a person on Friday after a video of him having beer while bathing in the Ganga in Varanasi went viral, sparking outrage and calls from devotees for strict action. Dashashwamedh police booked the offender under BNS sections 196 (promoting enmity or engaging in acts that disturb harmony) and 299 (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings), based on a complaint filed by an advocate, Shashank Tripathi.

CBSE assured 3rd language won't be on till 2029-30: PIL

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The petition, jointly filed by 17 parents and two teachers of children studying in Delhi, Noida, Gurgaon and Chennai in CBSE-affiliated schools, contended that the new policy was contrary to CBSE's April 9 notification categorically assuring that a third language was "not applicable till the academic session 2029-30 at the Class 9 level".

However, the switch to three languages was announced on May 15, after the academic session for 2026-27 had begun, it said. This would cause irreversible harm to thousands of Class 9 students and take away the livelihood of many teachers proficient in teaching foreign languages, as they would have to make way for those who can teach regional languages, the petition said.

It added that the problems of students and teachers were aggravated by the non-availability of textbooks and teaching material, and CBSE was making ad hoc arrangements by asking students to learn the basics of the second Indian language from Class 6 textbooks.

"Mandating a compulsory subject without textbooks, trained teachers, or an assessment framework does not amount to quality education; it is a constitutional violation," the petitioners said and requested the apec court to bar CBSE from making such compromises on quality education.

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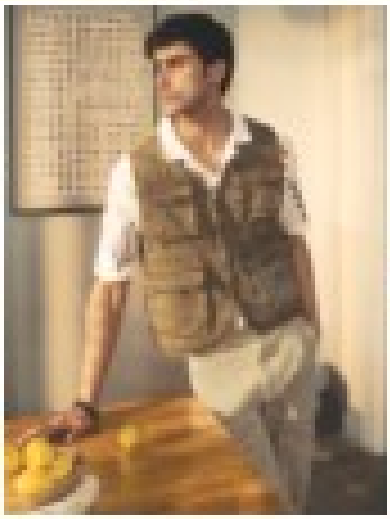

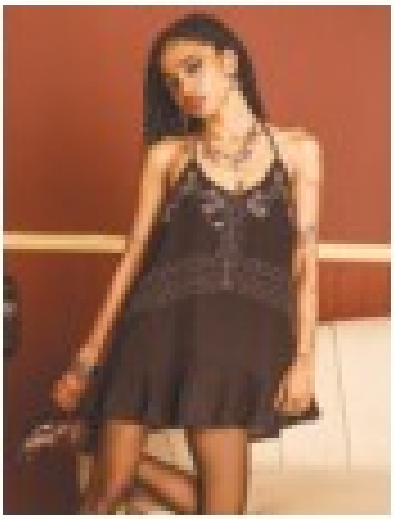

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Maha leads in number of gambling cases

Under the Gambling Act, Maharashtra recorded the highest number of cases in 2024, likely driven in part by the persistence of informal betting networks such as matka. A total of 1.4 lakh cases were recorded across the country

Statewise cases under Gambling Act, top 5

Source: NCRB, 2024; Gambling in India is a state subject. Most games of chance are banned, while games of skill and licensed casinos are allowed in some states, each with its own laws

NEET leak: NTA-hired physics expert arrested

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New Delhi: CBI has arrested NTA-appointed exam expert Manisha Sanjay Havaldar, the alleged source of the leaked NEET-UG 2026 physics questions, from Pune, pointing to the Maharashtra being the centre of the leak.

Earlier, P V Kulkarni, a chemistry lecturer associated with NTA as part of the panel that set the question paper for NEET-UG; Manisha Mandhare, another NTA exam expert; Manisha Waghmare, a beauty parlour owner; and Dhananjay, who ran a consultancy firm, were arrested from Pune, among others from different parts of the state, including Latur and Nashik, and the country.

"Havaldar, an NTA-appointed exam expert, had direct involvement in the examination process and complete access to question papers," the agency claimed.

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Cops detain SP workers during a protest against the NEET paper leak in Lucknow Friday

Havaldar illicitly shared multiple physics questions with co-accused Mandhare during April this year, according to CBI officials. Mandhare was arrested by the agency on May 16.

A forensic comparison by investigators confirmed that the questions leaked by Havaldar matched the official question paper sets distributed during pan-India NEET-UG 2026 medical entrance exam on May 3.

Following the fresh arrest, CBI executed a wave of raids and search operations at multiple locations nationwide. Investigators have seized substantial amounts of incriminating evidence, including digital devices such as laptops and mobile phones, alongside crucial bank statements and physical documents.

A detailed analysis of the recovered items is underway to map out the monetary trail. CBI had formally registered the case on May 12, acting on a complaint from the dept of higher education. Immediately after taking over the case, CBI formed specialised teams to conduct coordinated raids across several states, detaining and questioning numerous suspects.

With Manisha Havaldar's arrest, the total number of individuals arrested in connection with the paper leak has risen to 11.

Nashik police file 1,500-pg chargesheet in lst TCS case

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Nashik: A 1,500-page chargesheet was filed in a session court Friday against four accused in the first case related to allegations of sexual harassment and hurting of religious sentiments at TCS-Nashik campus. In the chargesheet submitted in the court of judge Kedar Joshi, Nashik police have invoked BNS sections 61(2) (party to criminal conspiracy), 64 (rape), 68 (sexual intercourse by person in authority), 69 (sexual intercourse obtained by deceitful means or a false promise to marry), 75 (sexual harassment), 46 (abetting), 299 (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings), 238 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence, or giving false information to screen offender), 249 (harbouring offender), and 3(5) (common intention) against the accused.

Charges under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, have also been invoked in the case, registered on March 26 based on a complaint by a TCS woman employee at the Deolali Camp police station.

ACP (crime) Sandeep Mitke, who heads the SIT constituted by Nashik police commissioner Sandeep Karnik, said the chargesheet is based on the evidence and witness statements obtained during the investigation so far, but the probe would continue and a supplementary chargesheet would be filed after obtaining additional evidence.

The police commissioner had constituted the SIT to investigate a total of nine cases filed on complaints by TCS employees. "The case was of an extremely serious nature. It involved the sexual harassment and exploitation of women at a workplace where victims were targeted based on their ethnicity," Karnik said. "TCS as a company has not been held responsible in the case," he added.

"Statements of 17 witnesses were recorded before the judicial magistrate first class, as required under section 183 of BNSS. The chargesheet also comprises medical examination reports of the victim and the accused, apart from evidence of forced conversion and hurting religious sentiment," Mitke said.

He said police had seized the original documents taken from the victim by the accused to change her name. The spot panchnama of the crime scene, bank statements of the accused, caste certificates, the vehicle used in the crime and an identification parade were among other evidence in the chargesheet, the officer added.

NCW to TCS: Form separate internal PoSH committees at all 127 units

New Delhi: National Commission for Women on Thursday directed TCS to take immediate measures to strengthen safeguards and compliance, including forming separate internal PoSH committees, under the anti-workplace sexual harassment law at all its 127 units, as the panel followed up its inquiry into serious allegations by women employees of the IT major's Nashik office. The commission's fact finding committee's report — submitted to the Maharashtra CM earlier this month — had found a "toxic workplace environment" marked by "pervasive sexual harassment" and "abuse of authority" at TCS's Nashik office. TNN

Next hearing in Twisha case listed for Monday

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The autopsy was conducted at AIIMS Bhopal on May 13 and Giribala filed for anticipatory bail the next day. A sessions court accepted the plea in 24 hours, he said.

The state govt also requested the high court to take cognisance of allegations by Twisha's family that the retired district judge had been trying to obstruct the probe, backed by police's statement that she wasn't cooperating with investigators. After issuing notice to Giribala, the bench scheduled the next hearing for May 25.

Police had served a "third and final notice" to her on Thursday, asking her to record her statement in the case. Two previous notices could not be served as she was allegedly not present at her residence on both occasions. She wasn't home during police's third visit, too, after which the notice was sent to her number over WhatsApp.

With the probe being handed over to CBI, officials said the agency would register a fresh case and take custody of documents, forensic material, digital evidence and case diaries from MP Police.

On Samarth withdrawing his anticipatory bail plea and seeking permission to surrender before the district court and then file a fresh bail plea, solicitor general Mehta and advocate general Prashant Singh argued there was no provision for an accused to ask for such a privilege on the day of surrender. The bench then allowed Samarth only to withdraw his plea.

When he reached the district court in the evening, a police team was already there to arrest him. Members of Twisha's family and their lawyers were present, too.

Would Kasab have been given bail over delay, govt asks SC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Amid an escalating fight between two benches over whether delay in trial entitles those facing grave charges under UAPA to bail, Centre on Friday put a pointed poser to Supreme Court — could dreaded terrorists like Ajmal Kasab and Hafiz Saeed be allowed bail just because of delay in trial?

Questioning the court's verdict that delay in trial and long incarceration could be grounds for bail under special laws like PMLA and UAPA, additional solicitor general S V Raju and advocate Rajat Nair, appearing for Centre, said there cannot be a grand generalisation to grant bail on grounds of delay, and the nature of offence and individual's role in it has to be examined, as done by the court while it granted bail to five accused in the 2020 Delhi riots case but declined the relief to Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam.

"In the Ajmal Kasab case, there was a delay as there were a large number of witnesses in the case. Will you grant him bail on the ground of delay? If Hafiz Saeed is brought from Pakistan, will you grant him bail on the ground of delay?" the ASG contended before a bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and P B Varale who denied bail to Delhi riots accused Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam but granted relief to five accused in the same case.

Composition of Ladakh bodies to be decided

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Govt sources said while there was a broad agreement on creation of the UT- and district-level bodies with full legislative powers, their composition, structure and operational details, including the legislative framework, will be decided by MHA and Ladakh bodies in consultation with legal and constitutional experts. LAB and KDA have been agitating for long, demanding statehood, Sixth Schedule status, constitutional protections and enhanced parliamentary representation for Ladakh.

Meanwhile, the Centre has approved inter-cadre deputation of Ladakh Police chief DGP Mukesh Singh to Manipur, according to an official order. Singh is a 1996-batch IPS officer of AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram, and Union Territories) cadre.

CA left his assets to sister, triggering 43-yr battle in courts

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It noted that the will in question clearly specified that the testator has not done any injustice to his wife, children, or other relatives, and that he has given enough to them.

In the will made in 1983, the CA bequeathed all the scheduled properties in favour of his only sister. He died just six months thereafter and then started a legal battle among family members which went on for 43 years before it was adjudicated by the apex court.

"The contention of the appellants (wife, children) that they, being natural heirs of the testator, have been excluded without any reason and that such exclusion constitutes a suspicious circumstance surrounding the execution of the will is legally untenable. It is well-established that mere deprivation of natural heirs, by itself, may not amount to a suspicious circumstance because the whole idea behind the execution of a will is to interfere with the normal line of succession," it said.

The CA's will, the bench said, "was duly executed by the testator voluntarily out of his free will in a sound state of mind and the same stands proved through the testimony of one of the attesting witnesses who was examined by the trial court. This witness stated that the testator executed the will in question in his presence, and that both he and the testator signed the will in the presence of each other".

Sandeep underwent rigorous year-long preparation

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Arun Kumar Tiwari, who had migrated to Hyderabad from UP, and Sandeep Are, who worked in Phoenix, Arizona, trained with Hyderabad-based expedition group Boots and Crampons, its co-founder Bharath Thammineni told **TOI** from Everest Base Camp. He said the group's co-founder, Romil Barthwal, also suffered severe frostbite in three fingers during rescue ops and was being treated at a hospital in Nepal.

Are summited Everest around 10.55am on May 20, when a record 274 climbers reached the top of the peak from the Nepal side in a single day. He was one of three Indians there at that time, along with Tulasi Reddu Pulpunoori and Ajay Pal Singh Dhaliwal, who descended safely. "Shortly after beginning his descent, Are developed severe snow blindness. He removed his goggles to take a few photographs with flags. The condition rapidly worsened, leading to high-altitude cerebral edema (HACE), a life-threatening condition caused by fluid accumulation in the brain," Dipanjan Das, a close acquaintance of Bharath, said.

Five Sherpa rescuers carried out an overnight extraction through extreme high-altitude terrain and brought Are down from higher camps after a 48-hour-long rescue operation. He died at Camp II on the night of May 21. Are is survived by his wife and an 18-year-old son.

Are had climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in 2024, trekked to Everest Base Camp and Lobuche East in 2025, and climbed Aconcagua, the tallest mountain in South America. He had also completed the Grand Canyon Rim-to-Rim hike multiple times.

Tiwari, a senior professional with an IT company, reached the summit around 5.30pm on May 21 but fell critically ill near Hillary Step, one of the most exposed sections below the summit in the "death zone". Bharath said, "He had two experienced climbing Sherpa guides and they were trying to descend together, but he became exhausted at the Hillary Step, a 12-metre rock face on the southeast ridge of Mount Everest, and guides were not able to bring him back."

Tiwari was an avid mountaineer who had previously climbed Denali, the highest peak in North America, Mount Elbrus, the tallest mountain in Russia, and Mt Aconcagua near the Argentine-Chilean border.

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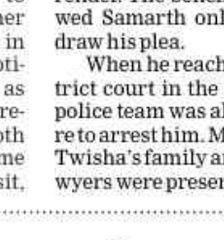
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I, Sreedharan Potty Sreekanth born on 13/03/1978 holder of Passport no. K3834369 residing at 103, Sunny Acura, Owners Court East, Hosa Road, Kasavanhalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560035, have changed my name to Sreedharan Sreekanth vide affidavit dated 20/05/2026 at Bengaluru.

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I, Rashmita wife of No 13759187F Rank Ex Hav (Clk SD) Name Nepal Chhatria presently residing at B-19, Income Tax Colony, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru-560013, have changed my name from Rashmita to Rashmita Chhatria for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 23-02-2026 before Notary Public K C Pemmaiah, B'lore.

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I Mahesha M.C. S/o Chandrappa Gowda aged about 54 years residing at No.49, 3rd Main Road, Vyalikaval Malleshwaram Bangalore-560003, have changed my name to MAHESH M.C. vide affidavit dated 22/05/2026 sworn before notary S.R. Paramashivaiah

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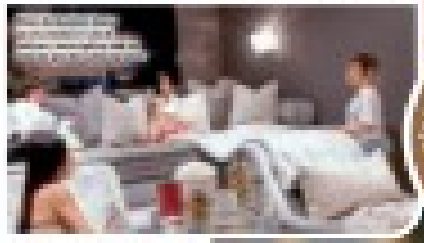

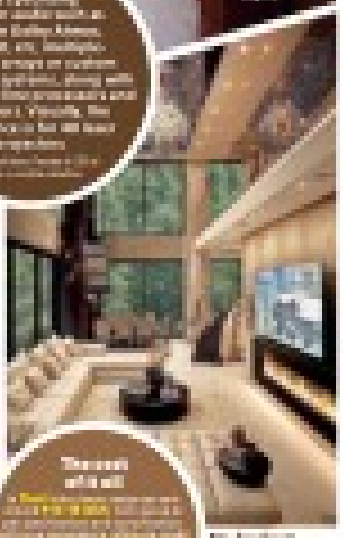

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New Delhi: India and Cyprus upgraded their ties to a strategic partnership, launched a roadmap for defence cooperation and signed an MoU for establishing a joint working group on counter-terrorism as PM Narendra Modi hosted President Nikos Christodoulides for talks. Modi said ties with Cyprus, which currently holds the EU Council presidency, were based on shared values like democracy and the rule of law, while reiterating India's support to the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the eastern Mediterranean country that is not recognised by Tukiye.

"We respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations. India is and will remain fully committed to these principles," said Modi, calling Cyprus an important investment gateway between India and the whole of Europe. He said that Cyprus was one of India's top 10 investors and with growing trust, and capitalising on the India-EU FTA, both sides aimed to double this investment in the next five years.

Piyal Bhattacharjee

PM Modi with President of the Republic of Cyprus Nikos Christodoulides at Hyderabad House, in New Delhi on Friday

"This strategic partnership between India and Cyprus will unlock capital for commerce by connecting the financial and services hubs of both countries. It will provide new opportunities for Indian companies in Cyprus' infrastructure, energy, and agriculture sectors, and will also bring new investment to India's rapidly growing shipping and maritime sectors," said the PM.

The leaders discussed the IMEC initiative and also defence and security cooperation, with Modi calling it an important pillar of the relationship. "We are very pleased that military exchanges and training cooperation between the two countries have increased over the past few years. Today we also decided to further strengthen cooperation in cybersecurity, maritime security, and counter-terrorism," said the PM. The two sides also established a cyber security dialogue. With many Indian students and professional living in Cyprus, both sides agreed to soon conclude a comprehensive migration and mobility partnership, as well as a social security agreement.

Prime Minister Modi brought up the Ukraine and West Asia issues in his media statement, saying that both countries will continue to support efforts for peace and an early end to conflict.

The two leaders also agreed that reform of global institutions is urgent and important to address growing global challenges.

SUV crash leads to ₹70L opium haul in M'rashtra

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Navi Mumbai: An SUV crashed into a traffic island on the Palm Beach Road in Navi Mumbai early Friday morning, and while its driver abandoned it and escaped before the NRI coastal police team arrived at the spot, the police recovered 69 kgs of opium worth around Rs 70 lakh stuffed in three plastic sacks and a country-made pistol loaded with bullets from inside the vehicle.

Police inspector (crime) Bhaskar Kokare said that the SUV, an MG Hector with a Rajasthan registration number, was going in the direction of CBD-Belapur on Palm Beach Road when the driver lost control and crashed into the traffic island at Nerul traffic signal at around 4.30 am.

The SUV damaged the pole on which a CCTV camera was installed.

Terror chiefs, ISI officials attend Hamza Burhan burial

Rajshekhar.Jha
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New Delhi: Slain terror commander Hamza Burhan was buried in Rawalpindi on Friday morning amidst the presence of several top terror chiefs including Hizbul chief Syed Salahuddin and Al Badr head Zameen Bakht besides ISI officials, visuals uploaded by locals on social media sites showed.

The Pak police also announced the arrest of one of the shooters, a local from Nawababad in Rawalpindi who allegedly carried out a recce before the shooting. The shooter, sources said, was staying at a hotel near the Allama Iqbal Memorial School where Burhan worked as a principal as cover.

Last year, ISI had provided Hamza with two armed bodyguards following inputs that he faced threats. The Pak police told the local media that Hamza had gone to meet two unknown visitors just outside his school, leaving the bodyguards behind. The shooters ambushed him when he was returning inside.

Hamza, whose real name is Arjumand Gulzar Dar, was a designated terrorist and one of the key masterminds behind the devastating 2019 Pulwama terror attack, was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) Thursday.

The 27-year-old Al-Badr commander was ambushed and killed on the spot outside a college in Gojra, Muzaffarabad. He sustained three gunshots in the head and was killed on the spot. ISI tried to revive Hamza by airlifting him to a military hospital but he could not be resuscitated.

Sources said Hamza was running terror launchpads and responsible for relaunching a fading Al Badr several years ago. It was in 2018 that Al-Badr had aggressively started recruiting Masood Azhar's old cadres from Jaish-e-Mohammed by holding rallies and in Dir and other areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Hamza's killing has now left a big void which the ISI is desperately seeking to fill.

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Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	02nd June, 2026	14th June, 2026
Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	07th June, 2026	19th June, 2026
Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	09th June, 2026	22nd June, 2026
Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	09th June, 2026	22nd June, 2026
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1	ವೆಂಕಟಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ ವಿ ಯಾಲಕ್ಕಿಗೌಡ	ವೆಂಕಟಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ ವಿ ಯಾಲಕ್ಕಿಗೌಡ	3/1ರ ಪೈಕಿ	0-02	-	0-02
2	ರುದ್ರಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಗಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಮಂಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಚಂದ್ರುರೇಖಿರ್, ಪುಟ್ಟಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ವಸಂತ ಕುಮಾರ್, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ಬಿ ಕೋಂ ಟಿ ಸಿ ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್, ಭಾಗ್ಯ ಕೋಂ ಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾರ್ಜುನಯ್ಯ, ವಿಜಯ ಕೋಂ ಚಿಕ್ಕರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ, ಎಸ್ ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ, ಎಸ್ ಬಸವರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಶಿವಣ್ಣ, ಹೆಚ್ ಎಸ್ ರುದ್ರೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಶಿವಣ್ಣ	ರುದ್ರಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಗಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಮಂಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಚಂದ್ರುರೇಖಿರ್, ಪುಟ್ಟಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ವಸಂತ ಕುಮಾರ್, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ಬಿ ಕೋಂ ಟಿ ಸಿ ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್, ಭಾಗ್ಯ ಕೋಂ ಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾರ್ಜುನಯ್ಯ, ವಿಜಯ ಕೋಂ ಚಿಕ್ಕರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ, ಎಸ್ ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ, ಎಸ್ ಬಸವರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಶಿವಣ್ಣ, ಹೆಚ್ ಎಸ್ ರುದ್ರೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಶಿವಣ್ಣ	29/2ರ ಪೈಕಿ	0-22	-	0-22
3	ಮಂಜುನಾಥ ಆರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ	ಮಂಜುನಾಥ ಆರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ	29/5ರ ಪೈಕಿ	0-24	-	0-24
4	ದೇವರಾಜು ಸಿ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ	ದೇವರಾಜು ಸಿ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ	29/11ರ ಪೈಕಿ	0-02	-	0-02
5	ದೇವರಾಜು ಸಿ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ	ದೇವರಾಜು ಸಿ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ	29/18ರ ಪೈಕಿ	0-24	-	0-24
6	ಆರ್ ಜಗದೀಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಎಂ ರಂಗಸ್ವಾಮಿ @ ರಂಗಶಾಮಣ್ಣ	ಆರ್ ಜಗದೀಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಎಂ ರಂಗಸ್ವಾಮಿ @ ರಂಗಶಾಮಣ್ಣ	42/3ರ ಪೈಕಿ	0-02	-	0-02
			ಒಟ್ಟು	1-36	-	1-36
ಗ್ರಾಮ: ಮದ್ದೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ: ತ್ಯಾಮಗೊಂಡ್ಲು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ: ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ						
1	ಪುಟ್ಟತಾಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ, ನಾಗರತ್ನಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್, ಪುಟ್ಟಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ	ಪುಟ್ಟತಾಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ, ನಾಗರತ್ನಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್, ಪುಟ್ಟಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ	27/2 ಎ1ರ ಪೈಕಿ	0-09	-	0-09
2	ಪುಟ್ಟತಾಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ, ಶಾಂತಕುಮಾರಿ, ವೇದವತಿ	ಪುಟ್ಟತಾಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ, ಶಾಂತಕುಮಾರಿ, ವೇದವತಿ	27/2 ಬ1ರ ಪೈಕಿ	0-02	-	0-02
3	ಶಾಂತಕುಮಾರಿ ಕೋಂ ಜಯದೇವ	ಶಾಂತಕುಮಾರಿ ಕೋಂ ಜಯದೇವ	27/2 ಬ 2ರ ಪೈಕಿ	0-02	-	0-02
			ಒಟ್ಟು	0-13	-	0-13

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ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಹೆಸರು	ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ		
		ಜಸು (ಎ/ಗು)	ಖರಾಬು (ಎ/ಗು)	ಬಾಕಿ (ಎ/ಗು)
1	ಹಾದಿಹೊಸಹಳ್ಳಿ	1-36	-	1-36
2	ಮದ್ದೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ	0-13	-	0-13
ಒಟ್ಟು		2-09	-	2-09

ಸಹಿ/- ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ-2, ಕೆಐಎಡಿಬಿ (ಬಿಎಂಐಸಿಪಿ) ಮತ್ತು ಬೆಂ.ಗ್ರಾಂ, ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN, JAIPUR
Rajasthan Engineering Admission Process (REAP-2026) under Centralized Admission Process (CAP 2026)
Centre for Electronic Governance (CEG)
Important Notice for Candidates

Candidates are informed that due to some technical issues with the old websites mentioned in advertisment published on 13/05/2026, the new official website have been launched for admissions in the first year of B.E./B.Tech., B.Plan and B.Arch. course for the session 2026-27 through REAP-2026.The details of new websites are as under:

COURSES →	B.E. / B. Tech./ B. Plan	B. Arch.
New website	www.reaprajasthan.co.in	www.barchrajasthan.co.in
Dates	**B.E./ B.Tech., B Plan**	**B.Arch.**
Last date for online deposition of Application cum Registration Fee	10/06/2026	01/07/2026
Last date to submit online registration and application form	12/06/2026	03/07/2026

Helpline No.8279183303, 8764818563 (9:30 AM to 6 PM in Working Days)

Note: Candidates already registered on the old website are not required to register again. Such candidates may continue the further admission process through the new website.

CONVENOR, CAP-2026
Raj.Samwad/C/26/3370 Centre for Electronic Governance, Jhalana Doongari, Jaipur 302004

DEPARTMENT OF MINORITY WELFARE
No.16C, Maulana Azad Bhavan,Miller Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagara, Bengaluru - 560 052. **Telephone: 080-22535901/918/Helpline:8277799990**

Notification

No: MWD/D/HOSTEL AD/CR-01/2026-27 **Date: 22.05.2026**

Online applications are invited for Pre-metric hostels of Minority Welfare Department

Online Applications are invited for admission into pre-metric boys/girls hostels in the Minority Welfare Department for the year of 2026-27 from the students of Minority Community (Muslim, Christian, Jain, Sikh, Buddha and Parsi) students and belonging to Other Castes (SC, ST & other Backward Caste) of the Karnataka.

- Students are advised to apply online for this link **https://shp.karnataka.gov.in**
- **Last date to apply online for pre-metric hostels is 15.06.2026.**
- Student's family annual income should not exceed **Rs.2.50 Lakhs.**
- For details of taluk-wise student hostels, eligibility for admission & details of documents to be submitted. Visit : **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in**
- In case of technical difficulties while applying online application you can contact through **Email:directorgokdom@gmail.com OR Website:- https://dom.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Director
Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/797/MAA/2026-27

Bank of India BOI
Head Office, IT(Governance & Excellence) Department, Star House-3, PNB-BOI Tower, C-29, G Block, 10th Floor, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051.
E-mail: HOIT.G&E@bankofindia.bank.in

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Request for proposal (RFP) for end-to-end solution for merchant acquiring business through supply, installation, maintenance and management of 'Point of Sale' (POS) terminals at various merchant establishments on monthly rental – Opex Model.
vide Ref. No.: BOI:HO:IT(G&E):POS:2026-27:315 Dated: 19.05.2026
GeM Bid No. GEM/2026/B/7560892 Dated 19.05.2026
The captioned RFP is available on Bank's corporate website www.bankofindia.bank.in under "Tender" section & GeM portal. Subsequent changes if any, will henceforth be uploaded on the Bank's website & GeM portal. The last date of submission: 09.06.2026

Rajasthan Co-operative Dairy Federation Limited
"SARAS SANKUL" J. L. N. MARG, JAIPUR – 302017 Ph. No. 2702501-08 : Direct: 0141-2702871
Website : www.sarasmilkfed.rajasthan.gov.in, E-Mail :managermarketingrcdf@gmail.com

No. :- RCDF/Mktg./F.6 (1102)/2026-27/9045 - 83 Dated :- 21/05/2026

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

Single Stage Two Parts unconditional online e-Tenders/e-Bids are invited by Rajasthan Co-Operative Dairy Federation Ltd., Jaipur for "Establishment of pakaged drinking water plant, Production and Supply packed drinking water (Saras Neer) at RCDF units. (UBN No. CDF2627A0227)" as per details given in the respective bid document. The Complete Bidding Documents can be visited and downloaded from our website **www.sarasmilkfed.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.** E-Bids shall be submitted only on **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.**

Raj.Samwad/C/26/3385 General Manager (Mktg.)

RAJENDRA SINHJI ARMY OFFICERS' INSTITUTE
(HQ K & K Sub Area Officers Mess Annexe)
 # 50 MG Road, Bangalore 560 001

Outsourcing Services

Applications are invited from professional vendors and contractors to enlist in RSAOI as Outsourced Caterers & Event Decorators. Details are available at - **https://rsaoibangalore.in/ download.**
Please contact: -
Mr Ryan Michael Fernandez, Mob No 7483880865 and email: info@rsaoibangalore.in

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
CIN : U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website : www.pspcl.in
GVK Power (Goindwal Sahib) Limited
Regd. Office: Plot No. 10, Paigah Colony, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad-500003, Telangana, India CIN : U40109TG1997PLC028483
(A wholly owned subsidiary of Guru Amar Das Thermal Power Limited, GATPL)
(A step down wholly owned subsidiary of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, PSPCL)

HOD-CIVIL, GATP, Goindwal Sahib, invites E-Tender for the Procurement of:

1 Tender Enquiry No. 157/GATP/CIVIL/50007631 dated 22/05/2026
1) "BOUNDARY WALL REPAIR WORKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITH MATERIAL" at 2X270 MW Guru Amardas Thermal Plant (GATP), Goindwal Sahib, Distt.: Tarn Taran, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications.'

For detailed NIT & Tender specifications, please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 22/5/2026 from 17:00 Hrs. onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**
GATP-50/26, DPR/Pb./1079/12/2026-27/11647

TAMIL NADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.

(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)

No. 417, Pantheon Road, Chennai-600 008. Phone: 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259

Website: www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in

E-Mail: gmdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in, mngrpurdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in

Online Tenders is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai – 600008, from the bidders meeting the eligibility criteria indicated in the tender document for the supply of **Diagnostic Kits** to TNMSC Ltd for three years from the date of acceptance of the tender.

Sl. No	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
1	Online Tender for the supply of Diagnostic Kits to TNMSC Limited under rate contract system for three years from the date of acceptance	e-012/M(P)/ DIAG-KIT/ TNMSC/2026, Dated. 26.05.2026	26.05.2026 at 4.00 PM to 16.06.2026 upto 3.00 PM	02.06.2026 at 10.00 AM to 16.06.2026 upto 3.00 PM	16.06.2026 at 4.00 PM

The tender document can be downloaded and the tender shall be submitted at **https://tntenders.gov.in/**. The tender document can also be downloaded at **www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in** for reference purpose.

DIPR/1939/Tender/2026

Tender Inviting Authority / General Manager (Drugs)

13001/589/2627

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, P.H. DIVISION, BHUBANESWAR, SAHID NAGAR, ODISHA

Phone/ FAX :- 0674-2540578 (O) / e-Mail: eephiiibbsr@gmail.com

Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No. 12/2026-27

1.	Name of the work	:	01 No. of work
2.	Estimated cost	:	776.00 Lakh.
3.	Period of completion	:	Three months.
4.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	:	From 11.00 AM. of 22.05.2026 to 5.00 PM of 05.06.2026
5.	Last date / time for receipt of bids in the portal	:	5.00 PM of 05.06.2026
6.	Name and address of the Officer inviting Bid	:	Additional Chief Engineer, P.H. Division, Bhubaneswar

Further details can be seen from e-procurement portal in the Website (**http://tendersorissa.gov.in**)

Sd/-
Additional Chief Engineer,
P.H. Division, Bhubaneswar

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34001/234/2627

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ELECTRICAL CIRCLE (R&B) NIRMAN SOUDHA BHUBANESWAR

E-mail seec.bbsr2010@gmail.com

Bid Identification No.S.E.E.C (R&B) 10/2026-27

No 2118 / Date - 14.05.2026

The Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids for E.I. works which are to be received through online bidding, double cover system as detailed in :**https://tendersorissa.gov.in.** The details of bid documents will be available in the above website from dt.25.05.2026 at 05.00 P.M. to dt.09.06.2026 up to 05.00 P.M. The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III. Bids received online shall be opened dt.10.06.2026 at 11.30 A.M. in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.tendersorissa.gov.in.**

Addendum / Corrigendum, if required, will be available only in the Website.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, BBSR

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25001/218/2627

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, RAYAGADA

Email ID-ccerwcrayagada@gmail.com

Letter No. 1649 — Date: 21.05.2026

1st Corrigendum

1st Corrigendum to Bid identification No. Online Tender/ NCB-05/RWCRGDA/2026-27

In partial modification to the above Bid Identification with reference to the Letter No. 18845, dtd. 21.05.2026 of the Chief Engineer (PMGSY), Rural Works, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for Online receipt of the Tender Paper Cost & EMD in the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) for PMGSY Tenders, the Tender Paper Cost & EMD are to be transferred by the bidders through Online only for the works under PMGSY-IV as stated below:

Sl No	Corrigendum for	Provision kept earlier:	Now modified with:
1.	Tender Paper Cost & EMD as per Sl. No. 3 & 5 of TCN	The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in shape of Fixed Deposit Receipt / Term Deposit Receipt pledged in favour of **concerned R.W. Superintending Engineer / Executive Engineer** and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provision of Clause 4.4B(a) (ii) of ITB **with Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Rayagada // Superintending Engineer, R.W. Division, Rayagada on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand (17.06.2026 upto 12.00 Noon)**	1. **Tender Paper Cost:** The bidder shall transfer the Tender Paper Cost @ Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) per set (Non-refundable) through **Online only** as per the procedure mentioned in the DTCN. 2. **EMD:** The bidder shall transfer the EMD through **Online only @ 2%** of the amount as specified for the work in the table Col No. 10 in the Annexure of NIT. 3. **Online Tendering Process:** The entire tendering process shall be completed through **Online mode** with no Offline submission of Tender Paper Cost & EMD.

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

Sd/- **Chief Construction Engineer**
RW Circle, Rayagada

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Department of Water Resources, Government of Odisha

"e" Procurement Notice No. ACEDC-BBSR- 02/ 2026-27

1. Name of the Works: Total **01(One) No.** Drainage work.
2. Estimated cost: **Rs. 826.21 lakh**
3. Period of Completion: **18 (Eighteen)** months
4. Date and time of availability of bid document in the portal: From **11.00 hours of Dt. 22.05.2026 to 18.00 hours of Dt. 06.06.2026.**
5. Last date/time for receipt of bids in the portal: **18.00 hours of Dt. 06.06.2026**
6. Date of Opening of Technical Bid : **08.06.2026 at 11.00 hours**
7. Name and address of the Officer inviting Bid: Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar- 751012. e-mail Id:- **sedrainagebbsr12@gmail.com**.
8. The update notification will be intimated to the participated bidders to their registered e-mail & to their registered mobile number through an autogenerated text message by e-procurement system. On such intimation, individual bidder needs to log in to their ID through DSC to know the uploaded summary, i.e. details of opening of financial bid, lottery date time, venue, acceptance of bid etc.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal of Odisha Government **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. All information, notices, addendum, corrigendum, cancellation notice etc. if required, will be published in this portal.

Sd/-
Additional Chief Engineer
Drainage Circle, Bhubaneswar

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25001/214/2627

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA

email- serwsbd2003@yahoo.com

Letter No. 2406 — Date: 20/05/2026

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH GePNIC e_Procurement Notice

1. Name of the work : Construction of Road Works - 34 Nos.
2. Class of contractor : "B" Class & "A" Class of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority.
3. Estimated Cost : Various from Rs.105.47 Lakhs to Rs.507.06 Lakhs (Approximately).
4. Details of projects : As per Annexure attached.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender Online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda	CCERWCS BD-Online-20/2026-27	26.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	17.06.2026 up to 5.00 P.M.	16.06.2026 up to 2.00 P.M.	18.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately

5. The details of works can be seen from the website **https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
6. Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender website.

Sd/- **Chief Construction Engineer**
Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda

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25001/212/2627

By E_Mail/e-Despatch
E_Mail ID : serwcbaripada@gmail.com
Ph-No - 06792-261343 / 261344
Gangraj, Baripada

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIPADA

"e" Procurement Notice for Bridge Works

Identification No.- Online Tender- Bridge N.C.B. No. 414 for 2026-27

Letter No. 2823/ Date : 14.05.2026

1. Name of the work : Bridge works under SBY in the District of Mayurbhanj
2. Total No. of work : **03** Nos. (Three)
3. Estimated Cost : **Rs. 337.84 lakhs** to **Rs. 470.63 lakhs** (approximately).
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : **As per Annexure**
5. Period of Completion : **As per Annexure**
6. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E.R.W. Circle, Baripada	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Baripada	Bridge On-line N.C.B. No. 414	Dt. 28.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt. 12.06.2026 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt. 11.06.2026 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt. 16.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

- **Further details can be seen from the website : www.tendersorissa.gov.in.**
- **Any Corrigendum/ Addendum will be displayed in the above e_tender website only.**

Sd/- **Er. A.K Naik**
Chief Construction Engineer
R.W.Circle, Baripada

OIPR-25001/25130/1/26-27/0011

25001/204/2627

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BOLANGIR

e Procurement Notice

1.	Name of work	:	Construction of Roads in the district of Bolangir under the Scheme of MMSY-TRIP & MMSY-CMRL for the year 2025-2026
2.	No. of work	:	2 (Two) works.
3.	Time for completion	:	9 (Nine) calendar months
4.	Approximate estimated cost varies from	:	Rs. 385.31 lakhs to Rs. 476.02 lakhs
5.	Mode of Submission of tender	:	Tender should be submitted online in **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
6.	Other details are as follow		

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender Online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Bolangir	**BLGR-Online-05/2026-27**	25.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	12.05.2026 upto 5.00 P.M.	11.05.2026 upto 5.00 P.M.	13.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	The date will be intimated later on

- Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
- Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e tender website only.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
R.W. Circle, Bolangir

OIPR-25001/25118/1/26-27/0006

32001/266/2627

GOVERNEMNT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, LOWER SUKTEL IRRIGATION PROJECT, BALANGIR, AT-LALTIKRA, DIST:- BALANGIR, PIN-767002.

email-Id- ccelsp@gmail.com

Government of Odisha "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
No.3/2026-27 of CCE, LSP, Balangir

1	Type of work	CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION OF TANKS AND CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD AT RR COLONIES HARDATAL, DHULUSAR, KUSMEL NORTH AND KUSMEL SOUTH UNDER LSIP, BALANGIR.
2	Nos. of works	5 (five) no. of package
3	Class of Contractor	'B' or 'A' Class Contractor
4	BID identification number	8/2026-27 to 12/12/2026-27 of CCE, LSP, Balangir
5	Estimated Cost	Rs.1,05,60,361/- to Rs.1,27,77,078/-
6	Period of completion	6 (Six) months
7	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	28.05.2026 at 10.30 AM to 12.06.2026 up to 05:30 PM
8	Last date/time for receipt of bid in the portal	12.06.2026 up to 5.30 PM
9	Date of opening of technical bid	16.06.2026 at 10:30 AM.
10	Name & Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	Chief Construction Engineer, Lower Suktel Irrigation Project, Balangir, At- Laltikra,Dist- Balangir, PIN-767002

(i) Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal **http://tendersodisha.gov.in**.
(ii) Any corrigendum / addendum/ cancellation will be displayed in the Govt. Website only.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer,
Lower Suktel Project, Balangir

OIPR-32001/32448/1/26-27/0004

25001/215/2627

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, RAYAGADA

Email ID - ccerwcrayagada@gmail.com

Letter No. 1658 — Date : 21.05.2026

1st Corrigendum

1st Corrigendum to Bid identification No. Online Tender/NCB-06/RWCRGDA/2026-27

In partial modification to the above Bid Identification with reference to the Letter No. 18845, dtd. 21.05.2026 of the Chief Engineer (PMGSY), Rural Works, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for Online receipt of the Tender Paper Cost & EMD in the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) for PMGSY Tenders, the Tender Paper Cost & END are to be transferred by the bidders through Online only for the works under PGSY-IV as stated below :

Sl. No.	Corrigendum for	Provision kept earlier :	Now modified with :
1	Tender Paper Cost & END as per Sl. No. 3 & 5 of TCN	The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in shape of Fixed Deposit Receipt /Term Deposit Receipt pledged in favour of concerned R.W. Superintending Engineer/Executive Engineer and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provision of Clause 4.4B(a) (ii) of ITB with Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Rayagada // Superintending Engineer, R.W. Division, Rayagada on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand (17.06.2006 upto 12.00 noon).	1. Tender Paper Cost : The bidder shall transfer the Tender Paper Cost @ Rs. 10,000 (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) per set (Non- refundable) through Online only as per the procedure mentioned in DTCH. 2. EMD The bidder shall transfer the EMD through Online only @ 2% of the amount as specified for the work in the table Col No. 10 in the annexure of NIT. 3. Online Tendering Process : The entire tendering process shall be completed through Online mode with no offline submission of Tender Paper Cost & EMD.

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

Sd/- **Chief Construction Engineer**
R W Circle, Rayagada

OIPR-25001/25196/1/26-27/0008

25001/216/2627

E.Mail - serwcirclesbp@yahoo.com

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SAMBALPUR

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

BID IDENTIFICATION NO. BUILDING TENDER ONLINE RWCSBP-04/2026-27

1. Name of the Work : Building Works
2. Total No. of works : 05 nos Building work
3. Estimated cost : Rs.127.94 lakhs to Rs.705.73 lakhs
4. Class of contractor : 'B', 'A' & 'Spl.' Class
5. Other details : As mentioned in DTCN

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding	
		From	To
1	2	3	4
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.	**BUILDING TENDER ONLINE RWCSBP-04/2026-27**	**28.05.2026 11.00 A.M**	**16.06.2026 05.00 P.M**

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur

OIPR-25001/25091/1/26-27/0006

25001/195/2627

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
CENTRAL RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR

No. 2627 / Date : 13.05.2026

"e" Procurement Notice for Road Works

1.	Name of the Work	:	Road works under Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana(MMSY)
2.	Total No. of works	:	22 Nos. of Road works for the year 2026-27
3.	Estimated Cost of the work	:	Varies from Rs. 106.78 lakh to Rs. 465.43 lakh
4.	Class of Contractor	:	
	a) Estimated cost more than **Rs. 20.00 lakhs upto Rs. 3.00 Crores.**		**B Class** (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
	b) Estimated cost more than **Rs. 1.00 Crore upto Rs. 20.00 Crores.**		**A Class** (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
	c) Estimated cost more than **Rs. 6.00 Crores upto Rs. 50.00 Crores**		**Special Class** (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
	d) Estimated cost more than **Rs. 20.00 Crores**		**Super Class** (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
5.	Period of completion	:	As mentioned in Column-7 of Annexure
6.	Offered rates by bidder	:	The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST.
7.	Other details	:	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar	Tender-Online-C.C.06 of 2026	26.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	09.06.2026 upto 5.00 P.M.	10.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated later on

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

OIPR - 25001/25082/1/26-27/0006

Sd/- **Chief Construction Engineer**
Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar

25001/205/2627

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE BOLANGIR

e Procurement Notice

1. Name of work : Construction of Bridge in the district of Bolangir under SBY for the year 2025-26
2. No. of works : 3 (Three) works
3. Time for completion : 12 (Twelve) Calender months
4. Approximate estimated cost varies from : Rs. 443.49 lakhs to Rs. 561.96 lakhs
5. Mode of Submission of tender : Tender should be submitted online in **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

6. **Other details are as follow**

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender Online for bidding		Last Date and Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Bolangir	BLGR-Online-06/2026-27	25.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	17.06.2026 upto 5.00 P.M.	16.06.2026 upto 5.00 P.M.	18.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	The date will be intimated later on

- Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
- Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e tender website only.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
R.W.Circle, Bolangir

OIPR - 25001/25118/1/26-27/0007

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY

Yelahanka, BANGALORE - 560 064

Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

Tender Notice No. RWF/M/OT/M Lab/ 2026-27/15 Dated 21.05.2026

E-Tender: On behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer invites electronic tender for the following work online through the website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** (Works).
Tender No.: RWF/M/OT/M Lab/2026-27/15 **Dtd:** 21.05.2026. **Name of the Work:** Outsourcing of ambient air quality monitoring and fugitive emission monitoring within RWF premises. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 5,59,080/-. **EMD:** Rs. 11,200/-. **Completion Period:** 18 Months. **Date of Closing of Tenders:** 12.06.2026 at 10:30 Hrs.

AED / M & C

Tender Notice No. RWF/M/OT/SMS/ 2026-27/14 Dated 22.05.2026

Tender No.: RWF/M/OT/SMS/2026-27/14 **Dtd:** 22.05.2026. **Name of the Work:** Safe Disposal/Recycle/Co-process/TSDF/AFR of Fume Dust - Hazardous waste. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 45,43,000/-. **EMD:** Rs. 90,900/-. **Completion Period:** 6 Months. **Date of Closing of Tenders:** 13.06.2026 at 10:30 Hrs.

The above Tender details can be viewed on our website **www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in**

DY. CME/Melting

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Madhugiri. Phone : 08137 - 283336.

No. : E.E./P.W.D./Dvn./A.E.-1/Tender/2026-27 — **Date : 16-05-2026**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

(Tender Ref. No. : 06/2027-27)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, **The Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri,** invites tenders from eligible Tenderers, for the Works. **(Madhugiri and Sira Taluk) Approx. Amount for the Work is Rs 99.54 Lakhs.**

Tender Documents may be Downloaded from the KPPP Portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://kppp.gov.in. Tenders must be Submitted through KPPP Portal on or before 01-06-2026 (upto 4.00 p.m.), Technical Bids will be opened on 02-06-2026 after 4.15 p.m, Financial Bid will be Opened on 03-06-2026 after 4.15 p.m.

Further any other information can be seen from the KPPP portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD, Division, Madhugiri.

DIPR/Tumakuru/13/Manipal/2026-27

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

No.2, 2/1 & 2/3, Kalidasa Marg, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560009. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-16/587/2026-27 — **Date: 22.05.2026**

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through GOK KPP Portal Only)

Item Rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:

Name of the work: Arranging Power Supply to Plug & Play Building at Hi-Tech Defence and Aerospace Park Industrial Area, Phase-1, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

- Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders: **08.06.2026** upto **4:00** pm.

Applicants May download bidding documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Engineer-in-Chief, KIADB, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/800/CCL/2026-27

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಸಿವಿಲ್ ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಯ್ಯಾಜಿರಾವ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಇ-ಮೇಲ್- eeewmccmys@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾ.ಇಂ(ಪೂ)/ಸಾ.ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ-05/2026-27 — ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.05.2026

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು	ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಜಾಲ್ತಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ
	ಸರ್ವೀಸ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು					
1	ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾ.ಅ(ಪೂ)/ಟಿ.ಎನ್-13/ 2026-27, ದಿನಾಂಕ:19.05.2026	01	37.50	19.05.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11 ರ ನಂತರ	26.05.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.15 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ	27.05.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.20ರ ನಂತರ
2	ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾ.ಅ(ಪೂ)/ಟಿ.ಎನ್-14/ 2026-27 ದಿನಾಂಕ:20.05.2026	01	-	21.05.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11 ರ ನಂತರ	29.05.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ	30.05.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30ರ ನಂತರ
	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು					
3	ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾ.ಅ(ಪೂ)/ಟಿ.ಎನ್-15/ 2026-27 ದಿನಾಂಕ:21.05.2026	03	104.80	25.05.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11 ರ ನಂತರ	06.06.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.25 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ	08.06.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.30 ರ ನಂತರ

ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರವನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಕಾ.ಅ (ಪೂರ್ವ) ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ: ಮುಂದೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಸೂಚನೆ/ಬದಲಾವಣೆ / ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವುದೇ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪೂರ್ವ)
ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಮೈಸೂರು/219/ಏರಡಿ ಸಾಯ/2026-27

FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Office of the Commissoner, No. 8, Cunnigham Road, Benglauru-560052. Ph. No.: 080-22263862 | e-mail: caofcs@gmail.com

No.: FCS/IT-02/07/25-26 — **Date: 22.05.2026**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal only)

The Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Karnataka invites the below tender from eligible bidders. Interested bidders can participate through online mode under e-procurement portal.

1.	Name of the Work	For Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of Electronic Point of Sale (EPOS) Devices and Electronic Weighing Machines (EWS) with Smart Integration for Public Distribution System (PDS), initially on a pilot basis in two identified districts (i.e. at Chitradurga and Chikkaballapura districts), and subsequently based on satisfactory completion certificate issued by the third party agency and based on the satisfaction of the completion of the Proof of Concept (PoC), by the Tender Inviting Authority, the Tender Inviting Authority with the prior approval of the Government extend the project in other Districts and IRA's in the State of Karnataka with the successful bidder under the SMART PDS Initiative to bring transparency, accountability & uninterrupted ration delivery service to the households of Karnataka under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).
2.	Reference No and date	No.: FCS/IT-02/07/25-26
3.	Publish Date	Date: 22.05.2026
4.	Date and Time for Pre-bid meeting	Date: 30.05.2026 at 11:30 AM
5.	Last date & Time for submission of Tender	Date: 20.06.2026 at 5.30 PM
6.	Date & Time of opening of Technical bid	Date: 23.06.2026 at 5.30 PM
7.	Date & Time of PPT presentation and Live Demonstration	Date: 03.07.2026 at 11:30 AM
8.	Tentative Date & Time of opening of Commercial bid	After the approval of technical Bid
8	EMD Amount	**Rs. 2,00,000 /-**
9	Venue of pre-bid meeting, opening of tender document & address for communication	Office of the Commissioner, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, No. 8, Cunningham Road, Bangalore - 560052 Phone: +91-80-22262187 Email: com.fcs-ka@nic.in, ddit.fcs-ka@nic.in
10	Telephone Number to be Contacted	Phone: +91-80-22262187

More details could be obtained from the Office of the Commissioner, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Bangalore. (E-Mail ID-ddit.fcs-ka@nic.in, com.fcs-ka@nic.in, and Landline No. 080-22262187)

Sd/- Joint Director (IT & Vigilance)
Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/JA/796/2026-27

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

On-line Tenders are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. / Due Date	Description	Qty.(Nos./ Sets)	EMD (Rs.)
1.	02261204/04.06.2026	Harness of Underframe & Roof Arrangement for LHB EOG Second AC Chair Car Coache		439960/-
2.	13265120/10.06.2026	Procurement of Oil Chiller Unit and Water Chiller Units PL No./Item Code: 6557002212331	01 Nos	69510/-
3.	16261007A/01.06.2026	Blast Grade Garnet for Robotic Sand Blasting Plant	236 MT	1,18000/-
4.	17251698A/05.06.2026	Set of Seat and Berth for LHB SLR Hog Coaches (31-Seater)	76 Sets	16,82,570/-
		Set of Seat and Berth for LHB SCN Coaches	126 Sets	
5.	17261161/04.06.2026	1. Sypply & Installation of One Coach set of AC Duct Complete for Vande Bharat MC/NDTEC Coaches.	100 Set	7,26,000/-
		2. Supply and Installation of One Coach set of AC Duct complete for Vande Bharat DTC Coaches.	20 Set	
		3. Supply and Installation of One Coach set of AC Duct complete for Vande Bharat TC Coaches.	40 Set	
6.	05261024/18.06.2026	Underframe Complete for VB Metro NDTC	04 Nos	10,52,460/-
		Underframe Complete for VB Metro TC	08 Nos	
		Underframe Complete for VB Metro DTC	04 Nos	
		Underframe Complete for VB Metro MC	16 Nos	
7.	05261279A/22.06.2026	Set of Carline for LHB AC Tier Amrit Bharat 3.0 with Flat Roof PL No. 33534470	100 Set	173860/-
8.	0261025/12.06.2026	110V,120 AH, VRLA SMF Battery Set	100 Set	3,62,370/-
9.	01261034/11.06.2026	Set of Axle End Cover For LHB Bogies	1177 Set	111530/-
10.	01261035/22.06.2026	Anti Roll Bar Bracket	5244 Nos	138490/-
11.	05261033/19.06.2026	Crash Buffer for Vande Bharat	24 Nos 280 Nos	819400/-

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in**. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in**
2. Tenders will close at **14.25 HRS.** on due date and tender will be opened at **14.30 HRS.** Tenders Sr. No.1 to 7 will be open at RCF Kapurthala and **Sr. No. 8 to 11** will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS Help desk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF help desk at 011-23378658.

Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

PCMM

No. : 17-S/2026-27 **Dated: 22.05.2026**

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD.

KOTA SUPER THERMAL POWER STATION, Kota-324006

TENDER NOTICE : TN-25149 (RVU2627GLOB00289)

E-Tenders are invited for Supply of valves at KSTPS. Tender details are available on **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** (for e-tender), **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl & www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.**

Raj.Samwad/C/26/3351 RVUN/PR-4396 **Chief Engineer (KSTPS)**

भारतीय प्रकौशल विज्ञान एवं प्रयुक्तिविद्या प्रतिष्ठान, शिवपुर
भारतीय अभियांत्रिकी विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, शिवपुर
Indian Institute of Engineering Science & Technology, Shibpur

(An Institute of National Importance)

Employment Notification

Recruitment of Faculty on Mission Mode

Advt. No. RO/MY/26/15 Date: 22/05/2026

Online applications are invited from Indian Nationals for the posts of Assistant Professor Grade II (Level 10), Assistant Professor Grade I (Level 12), Associate Professor (Level 13A2) and Professor (Level 14A) in different Academic Units. The last date of submission of filled in application form through Samarth portal is **June 15, 2026.** For eligibility criteria and other details, please visit the Institute website:

(https://www.iiests.ac.in/en/updates?tab=notifications&category=Employment).

Registrar

भारतीय दूरसंचार विनियामक प्राधिकरण
TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIA
Tower-F, NBCC World Trade Centre,
Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO: C-01/2026-27

NOTICE

Engagement of Consultant - Private Secretary (Retired Government Servant)in TRAI Regional Offices, (Hyderabad/Bengaluru/Bhopal/Kolkata) on Contract basis.

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), proposes to engage One (01) Consultant [Retired Govt. Servants (Private Secretary)] on contract basis in each of its Regional Offices, **(Hyderabad/Bengaluru/Bhopal/Kolkata)** .

2. Detailed terms and conditions, qualifications & experience for engagement are available on TRAI's website www.trai.gov.in. Interested candidates may send their application through **online mode** on URL: https://vacancies.trai.gov.in . The last date for receipt of applications through online mode is **04th June 2026.**

CBC 06202/12/0014/2627

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
8th Floor, Tower-B, World Trade Centre,
Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi 110029, Tel: 2618 9709

Engagement of Staff Consultant in CERC

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, invites applications for engagement of Staff Consultant at the level of Technical Officer 'D' on contract basis.

2. Kindly visit CERC's website **www.cercind.gov.in** for detailed qualifications and experience required and other terms and conditions.

3. Interested and eligible candidates may submit their applications in the prescribed proforma therein to Deputy Chief (Admin) to the above address by **5.00 P.M., 22nd June, 2026.**

Rajiv Kumar)
Deputy Chief (Admin)

SANJAY GANDHI POST GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
RAEBARELI ROAD, LUCKNOW-226014 (U.P.), INDIA
TELEPHONE: 91-0522-2494000, 2495000, 2496000, 2494304, 2495554

Recruitment Examination 2025-26

In continuation of Advertisement No. I/08/1-11/Rectt/2025-26 and Advertisement No. I/08/12/Rectt/2025-26, Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS) Lucknow, hereby informs all applicants that the Computer Based Recruitment Tests (CBRT) for various advertised posts shall be conducted during 19th to 23rd June 2026.

Important Information for Candidates:-

1. **Mode of Examination:** All examinations shall be conducted exclusively in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode.
2. **Two-Stage Admit Card Process:** Admit cards shall be issued in two stages:
   - **A. City Intimation Slip-** This will be released at least 15 days prior to the examination date and will indicate the allotted examination city & detailed instructions.
   - **B. Final Admit Card-** This will be released approximately 48 hours prior to the candidate's examination date and will contain the exact examination centre address, reporting time.
3. Candidates are advised to regularly visit the official SGPGIMS website for all updates related to examination dates, admit cards, other important instructions on official website of Institute https://sgpgims.org.in
4. Candidates are advised to keep their login credentials, registered mobile number, and email ID active throughout the recruitment process. Candidates are advised to carefully read and strictly follow all instructions related to the examination before appearing for the examination
5. For any query Candidate may contact at the **Email: sgpgimshelpdesk@gmail.com** & on **Helpline +91-9942875178 (10:00AM-5:00PM, Monday-Friday).**

ADVT. No.: I/15/Rectt/2026-27 **Dated: 23.05.2026** **Director**

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TATA INSTITUTE OF FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH
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विज्ञापन सं. 2026/8 Advertisement No. 2026/8

Invites applications for Administrative Officer (C) post tenable at TIFR Mumbai. **For details, please visit the website http://www.tifr.res.in/positions.**

कुलसचिव, टीआईएफआर / **Registrar, TIFR**

NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEMS RESOURCE CENTRE
Technical Support Institution with National Health Mission
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India

National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), New Delhi is seeking applications from eligible candidates for the following position:

- Principal Team Lead-Information Technology Division (Technical), NHSRC

The Terms of Reference (TOR) and other details of the position are available on the websites **www.nhsrcindia.org**, **www.mohfw.gov.in** and **www.devnetjobsindia.org**. Application must reach by **16th June 2026** in the prescribed online application format only (as mentioned in the websites).

S/d- Principal Administrative Officer, NHSRC

ELECTRONICS & RADAR DEVELOPMENT ESTABLISHMENT (LRDE)
DRDO, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
CV. RAMAN NAGAR, BENGALURU – 560 093.

LRDE: Advt. No. 01/2026/JRF

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Electronics and Radar Development Establishment (LRDE) is a premium R&D Establishment set up under the Defence R&D organization, Government of India to address the needs of Defence Services in the field of Radar and related Technologies.

LRDE invites applications from young and meritorious Indian citizens, who desire to pursue Radar related research as Junior Research Fellows in the areas of, Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) & Electrical Engineering (EE).

Date of Walk-in Interview: 09 Jun 2026

Interested candidates can refer https://drdo.gov.in website for further details.

CBC 10301/11/0015/2627

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अभिरूचि आमंत्रण प्रस्ताव सूचना

(Expression of Interest Notification)

उच्च शिक्षा विभागान्तर्गत स्वामी विवेकानन्द ई-पुस्तकालय योजना के संचालन हेतु ई-बुक/डिजिटल कन्टेन्ट आदि उपलब्ध कराए जाने हेतु प्रतिष्ठित राष्ट्रीय एवं अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रकाशन समूहों/अधिकृत वितरकों (मात्र उन प्रकाशन समूहों के अधिकृत वितरक जिनके द्वारा भारत में सीधे वाणिज्यिक व्यापार नहीं किया जाता हो) से स्वामी विवेकानन्द ई-पुस्तकालय योजना अंतर्गत ई-बुक/डिजिटल कन्टेन्ट आदि उपलब्ध कराए जाने हेतु एम्पैनलमेन्ट के लिए www.uktenders.gov.in पर अपलोड शर्तों एवं मानकों के अनुरूप अभिरूचि प्रस्ताव (EOI) आमंत्रित किया जाता है।

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S.No	Details	Dates
1	Publication Downloading of EOI	23 May, 2026 from 10.00 AM onwards, to be downloaded from E Procurement Portal www.uktenders.gov.in
2	Pre EOI Meeting	02 June, 2026 at 11 AM IST, Venue: IRDT Conference Hall, Survey Chauk, Dehradun
3	Clarification of Queries	02 June, 2026 at the time of Pre EOI Meeting
4	Last Date of Submission of EOI	15 June, 2026 upto 05 PM IST
5	Opening of EOI	18 June, 2026 at 11 AM

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FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD. AUCTION NOTICE

This is to inform the public at large that FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD. has decided to conduct Auction of Gold ornaments belonging to accounts (mentioned below) which are NPA (Non-performing Asset) or margin breach account/s or any account/s falling into the loan recall clause as specified in the **terms & condition** of the Loan. The Auction would be held as per the schedule provided below:

Loan A/c Number	Base Branch	District 1 Contact	District Auction Date
FEDGL01360009489	BELGAUM - 9538166084	BELGAUM - 9538166084	22/06/2026
FEDGL01590013993	BELUR - 9380453339	HASSAN MARKET - 8970429398	22/06/2026
FEDGL01590013994	BELUR - 9380453339	HASSAN MARKET - 8970429398	22/06/2026
FEDGL03770015020	PAVAGADA - 9448386998	B H Road - 8904344610	22/06/2026
FEDGL04610006358	SINDHANUR - 8880890891	Sindhanur - 8880890891	22/06/2026
FEDGL05510000592	T NARASIPURA - 9986815186	Ramaswamy Circle - 9620136356	22/06/2026
FEDGL01580026864	CHENRAYAPATNA - 9739489738	HASSAN MARKET - 8970429398	22/06/2026
FEDGL01580026865	CHENRAYAPATNA - 9739489738	HASSAN MARKET - 8970429398	22/06/2026
FEDGL02330008695	DHARWAD - 8152913405	DHARWAD - 8152913405	22/06/2026
FEDGL00360017169	ARAKALGUD - 9964260350	HASSAN MARKET - 8970429398	24/06/2026
FEDGL00360017170	ARAKALGUD - 9964260350	HASSAN MARKET - 8970429398	24/06/2026
FEDGL00360017171	ARAKALGUD - 9964260350	HASSAN MARKET - 8970429398	24/06/2026
FEDGL00470013699	TIPTUR - 9739894909	B H Road - 8904344610	24/06/2026
FEDGL03930013836	MADHUGIRI - 9972981737	B H Road - 8904344610	24/06/2026
FEDGL04040010396	KUDLIGI - 7760491423	HOSPET - 9743956995	24/06/2026
FEDGL04610006378	SINDHANUR - 8880890891	Sindhanur - 8880890891	24/06/2026
FEDGL00940007776	GANGAVATHI - 9972317836	GANGAVATHI - 9972317836	25/06/2026
FEDGL00950011922	KAMPLI - 6361077968	CAR STREET BELLARY - 9535205038	25/06/2026
FEDGL01600018520	NANJANGODE - 9611312789	Ramaswamy Circle - 9620136356	25/06/2026
FEDGL00370007815	K R ROAD - 7829541516	DAVANGERE - 9110855606	25/06/2026
FEDGL00440013575	PERIAPATNA - 9449955714	Ramaswamy Circle - 9620136356	25/06/2026
FEDGL00440013577	PERIAPATNA - 9449955714	Ramaswamy Circle - 9620136356	25/06/2026
FEDGL00950011927	KAMPLI - 6361077968	CAR STREET BELLARY - 9535205038	25/06/2026
FEDGL01590014018	BELUR - 9380453339	HASSAN MARKET - 8970429398	25/06/2026
FEDGL01610015407	K R NAGAR - 9901175713	Ramaswamy Circle - 9620136356	25/06/2026
FEDGL01810014254	HAVERI - 8880914476	RANEBENNUR - 8904013982	25/06/2026
FEDGL03770015085	PAVAGADA - 9448386998	B H Road - 8904344610	25/06/2026
FEDGL03770015091	PAVAGADA - 9448386998	B H Road - 8904344610	25/06/2026
FEDGL04120009528	HOSADURGA - 8105000953	Hosadurga - 8105000953	25/06/2026

Change in Venue or Date, if any, will be displayed on our Website https://www.fedfina.com/gold-loan/special-sections/auction-venue/. Customer who want to release their ornaments shall visit any of the above branch/es or contact at the number mentioned above on/or before auction Date subject to the terms and condition applicable. Auction will be conducted at respective Districts. In case the auction does not get completed on the given date due to any reasons, the auction in respect thereto shall be conducted on subsequent working days at district level as per above schedule. This would continue till the auction process is over. On failure of the first offline auction at District level, auction will also be initiated through the E-auction platforms of SAMIL https://gold.samil.in and/or e-Procurement Technologies Ltd. (AuctionTiger) - https://egold.auctiontiger.net/.

All participating bidders will be intimated subsequently with respect to acceptance or rejection of bids submitted by them.

Dated : 23.05.2026 **For, sd/- Authorised Signatory**
Place : Karnataka **Fedbank Financial Services Ltd.,**

Through Speed Post/Courier/Dasti/Affixation/Newspaper Publication

NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION UNDER RULE 53 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT 1993.

RC No. 535/2019

In the matter of:

Export-Import Bank of India
VS
Poly Logic International Pvt. Ltd.

NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION UNDER RULE 53 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993.

To

The Concerned Officer,

1. Electricity Deptt.
2. Jal Board/Health Deptt.
3. Municipal Corporation
4. Income Tax, Sales Tax/VAT etc.

Whereas in execution of Recovery certificates No. 535/2019 (in OA. No.-859/2018 order drawn up by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Delhi the undersigned has ordered the sale of the under mentioned immovable property.

You are hereby informed that the **16.06.2026** has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof. Should you fail to reply, your information will be treated as Nil.

Specification of the Immovable Property

(a) Plot no. BH-19, Tricon City, Village Datoda, Tehsild Mhow, Distt. Indore, M.P is in the name of Ms. Nandita Trivedi (CD#4) and (b) Plot no. 09 (Area 929.36 sq. mtrs. (i.e. 10000 sq. ft.)), Business Development Counsel, Village Devguradiya, Tehsild/Dist. Indore, M.P is in the ownership of Sh. Bhadrabala Trivedi (CD#6 (a))

Given under my hand and seal at New Delhi on this 28.04.2026.

Sd-
(Archana Sehgal)
Recovery Officer-I
DRT-II, Delhi.

F.No. A-12026/9/2020-E-IV
Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
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VACANCY NOTICE

EXTENSION OF LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

The Vacancy notice published in the *Employment News edition 28th March, 2026 - 03rd April, 2026* for filling up the following post in the Narmada Control Authority (NCA), Indore on Deputation basis (including Short-Term Contract) by this office is hereby revised.

2. The Narmada Control Authority is an Autonomous Body functioning under the Administrative Control of Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.

3. The last date for submission of duly filled applications, which was 11.05.2026, has been further extended by 30 days from the date of publication of this vacancy notice in the Employment News.

S.No.	Name of the post (s)	No. of the post (s)	Pay Matrix (As per 7th CPC)	Place of posting
1.	Member (Environment & Rehabilitation)	01	Level-14 (Rs.144200 - 218200/-)	Indore (M.P.)

4. All other terms and conditions of the previous vacancy notice shall remain unchanged. The interested candidates who have not yet applied may submit their applications as per the procedure mentioned in the detailed vacancy notice available on the official website: **jalshakti-dowr.gov.in**; **dopt.gov.in** and **nca.gov.in**.

(Sameer Kumar Munda)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

ADMISSION NOTICE
POST GRADUATE ENTRANCE TEST- 2026

Applications (Online) are invited from the eligible candidates on prescribed form to appear Post Graduate Entrance Test (PGET)- 2026 for admission into following Post Graduate Courses & Institutes

SWAMI VIVEKANAND NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF REHABILITATION TRAINING AND RESEARCH (SVNIRTAR)
Olatpur, P.O: Bairoi, Dist-Cuttack-754010 (Odisha)
Website : https://svnirtar.nic.in, E-Mail: svnirtarpget@gmail.com

Courses Offered: 1. Master of Physiotherapy 2. Master of Occupational Therapy 3. Master in Prosthetics & Orthotics

PANDIT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES (PDUNIPPD)
4, Vishnu Digamber Marg, New Delhi - 110002
Website : https://pdunippd.nic.in, E-Mail: diriph@nic.in

Course Offered: 1. Master in Prosthetics & Orthotics

ALI YAVAR JUNG NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPEECH AND HEARING DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN) (AYJNISHD)
K.C. Marg, Bandra (W) Reclamation, Mumbai – 400 050
&
REGIONAL CENTRE, SECUNDERABAD
Manovikas Nagar, Secunderabad-500009
Website: https://ayjnishd.nic.in, E-Mail: ayjnihh-mum@nic.in

Course Offered: 1. Master of Science in Audiology (M.Sc. Audiology)

Institutes under DEPwD (Divyangjan),
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India

Eligibility: The Candidate should Pass Bachelor of Physiotherapy for MPT, Bachelor of Occupational Therapy for MOT, BPO/ B.Sc. (PO) for MPO and BASLP for M.Sc. Audiology Courses.

Starting of online publication of Information Brochure and Application form	**: 20.05.2026**
Closing date of online receipt of Application form	**: 19.06.2026**
Date of Post Graduate Entrance Test	**: 12.07.2026**

For details Log on to: https://admission.svnirtar.nic.in

Sd/-
Director Cum Chairman,
PGET- 2026

A thought for today

I distrust Great Men. They produce a desert of uniformity around them and often a pool of blood too

EM FORSTER

Trump Dives In

Commercial mining on the ocean floor? Terrible idea

Washington's nod to commercial deep-sea mining, the boat pushed out Friday, has prospectors diving in, to loot the ocean floor. UN-backed International Seabed Authority has called Trump's move "unlawful". Commercial seabed mining in international waters is off-limits. For anyone. That's why there aren't even regulations in place for such mining. Rules exist for exploitation in exclusive ecozones in waters under national jurisdictions. But when have such considerations impeded US presidents? When has the word consequences, or costs of such industry, held meaning for those eager to plunder?

Oceans are uncharted territory – barely 25% of deep seabed is mapped. Of millions of species, barely 5,000 have been discovered, in areas mining companies are eyeing. These tracts – 13k feet under sea – are dense with special seabed rocks, which together, contain trillions of dollars' worth of minerals. Called polymetallic nodules, prospectors see rare earths and copper, manganese, nickel in these, but are blind to the sea sponges, nematodes, brittle stars and other life forms that live in them. There's no measure for the extent of damage from 1) mining ships, 2) 'collector robots', 3) pipelines that'll extract, 4) lifts to ferry material to the surface, 5) drilling noise or 6) heat produced. All that is sure is that marine ecosystems, oceans temperatures, and migrations will be overwhelmed. Yet, American companies spot an El Dorado on the ocean floor, putting humanity in peril, regardless of the justifications.

One justification is the 'demand' for critical minerals. Yet, experts say those 'estimates' don't account for tech advances of battery recycling, or emerging techs that don't use cobalt or nickel. Another preposterous argument is that ocean floor mining doesn't displace human settlements. Pah! Jeopardise ocean ecology – unique, fragile, diverse – and you jeopardise all of Earth.

Nanny State

The wisdom, or otherwise, of college uniforms

It's touching when govt loves citizens so much, it even lays out the clothes they should wear to college – like UP has just done. "Nanny," you cry, seeing the white shirt, blue trousers, black shoes, or whatever's struck nanny's fancy this time. Gratitude brims over when you realise nanny has stopped time. Nothing's changed between the year when you were three, and stepping into nursery, and now, when you're 20, and in college. "Go, wear this," says nanny, "because you know not what's best for you." But I'm old enough to vote, you say. "That doesn't matter. This does." You wonder why. Nanny says a uniform blurs the gap between rich and poor. So, nobody feels disadvantaged. Ah, the wealth gap erased. Hear that, Piketty?

But doubts arise. Nanny, if 15 years of school uniform didn't fill that gap, how will three more years of college uniform? And what about life outside college? Who lives where, drives what, parties where in the evening, holidays where in summer – how do we unsee all of that with the blinkers of uniform? Above all, how do we unsee and unhear, "*Jaanta nahin mera baap kaun hai*?" And nanny, consider, life in uniform is not the same for all. Shirts smell different after a drive in a car, and a long commute in a crowded bus. Some gaps are only erased with outcomes – learning and employment. Everything else is tokenism.

The Lawyers Versus Engineers Battle

A unique way to look at the US-China rivalry

mindfield
SHORT TAKES ON BIG IDEAS

Trump and Xi met, and there was the usual avalanche of headlines about US-China rivalry: can the world's two largest powers manage their competition responsibly, or are they destined to tumble into the so-called "Thucydides Trap" – where a rising power inevitably collides with an established one? Yet, the relationship between Washington and Beijing is far more layered. Beneath diplomatic theatrics lies a deeper civilisational contrast – in how the two nations think, govern and build.

In ***Breakneck: China's Quest to Engineer the Future, Dan Wang*** offers an elegantly simple argument to understand this divide – China is run by engineers, while America is run by lawyers. One side is obsessed with building, the other with regulating. China sees every challenge as a construction problem waiting to be solved with more factories, railways, housing and infrastructure. US, meanwhile, instinctively approaches problems through rules, litigation, oversight, and compliance.

This contrast is visible even in political leadership. China's top brass is packed with technocrats and engineers. Xi Jinping himself studied chemical engineering. The Chinese state therefore tends to think in linear, technical terms: identify a target, mobilise resources, and execute at speed. America's leadership class, by contrast, is overwhelmingly shaped by the legal profession. From Abraham Lincoln to Joe Biden, 28 of 45 US presidents have had legal backgrounds. Naturally, the American instinct is less about bulldozers and blueprints, and more about lawsuits, environmental clearances, public hearings and procedural safeguards.

Consequences are starkly visible in infrastructure. In 2008, both countries embarked on ambitious high-speed rail projects. China launched the Beijing-Shanghai line, while US approved a rail corridor linking San Francisco and Los Angeles. China opened the line in 2011 at a cost of roughly $36bn. America, meanwhile, remains trapped in paperwork and delays. Seventeen years after approval, only a modest stretch has been built, costs have exploded to nearly $128bn, and operations are now expected no earlier than 2033.

Yet Wang cautions against romanticising China's model. Beneath the gleaming skyscrapers and futuristic train stations, lies a brittle reality. Much of China's infrastructure is overbuilt and underused. Ghost cities, debt-ridden provinces, and rampant local corruption expose the darker side of compulsive construction. Social welfare remains weak, healthcare uneven, and education outside major cities inadequate. During Covid, the contrast became stark. US pumped thousands of dollars directly into households through stimulus payments, while China offered only limited unemployment support that reached a tiny fraction of workers.

Ironically, Wang argues, China's leadership often behaves less like revolutionaries, and more like conservatives disguised in Leftist clothing. The disastrous One Child policy, for example, was designed not by sociologists or philosophers, but by missile scientist Song Jian, whose rigid engineering logic produced one of the greatest demographic crises of modern times. Even today, Beijing's response remains mechanical, with Xi urging women to return home and have more children, as though population decline can simply be recalibrated like a machine.

Still, China's relentless construction drive gives its people a sense of momentum and national purpose. America, despite its innovation and freedoms, increasingly struggles to build with confidence or speed. Perhaps the lesson for both nations is clear. US needs to rediscover its lost appetite for grand projects and physical ambition. China, meanwhile, must learn that societies cannot thrive on concrete and steel alone.

All The Stars...But Fifa's Offside

Some shine is off the world's greatest sporting spectacle. US advertisers have made football a game of 4 quarters. Tickets are too pricey. Trump's immigration goons may target fans. India doesn't have a broadcast deal as yet. What more can go wrong?

Rudraneil Sengupta

The late great English commentator, Jimmy Greaves, some people believe, coined a phrase that has since become an inescapable cliché – "football is a game of two halves..." It sounds tautological. You play 45 minutes. Take a break and go into the dressing room, where the coach gives his rousing speech (or just a terrifying 'hairdryer treatment', as made famous by Alex Ferguson), tweaks tactics, and sends the troops out for another half of battle.

Things can change completely post-break. Ask Liverpool, and they will tell you about the 'Miracle of Istanbul', that legendary Champions League final where the English club trailed 3-0, utterly dominated by the mighty AC Milan, before Liverpool emerged transformed from the dressing room, blasted their way to three-all, and won the title on penalties. A game of two halves, indeed.

Except now that's about to change. At the 2026 World Cup, the world's favourite sport will make a fundamental shift and become a game of four quarters, with a mandatory "hydration break" of three minutes inserted at the midway point of each half.

Fifa would like everyone to believe that this is being done for the safety of players, since temperatures in the US summer are expected to breach 30°C. Hydration breaks in hot playing conditions are not new though; in fact, they have become increasingly common as climate change takes its toll. What is new, is the mandatory nature of it during the World Cup, where many of the matches will be played in ideal weather conditions far below 30°C, and where many venues will feature closed-roof, temperature-controlled arenas.

The core reason for this shift then? Advertising. American sports broadcasters have always railed against the limited window for commercials in football – US prefers its sports played in small bursts, with the opportunity to saturate match-day coverage with advertising. Now they have got their wish to do the same with football.

France coach Didier Deschamps called it out when the new rule was tested at a slew of friendlies at World Cup venues in March. "It is very good for you (broadcasters), to be able to show a commercial," Deschamps said. "But regardless of the team, if they are having a strong period of the game, three minutes... that breaks everything."

USA coach Mauricio Pochettino shared the sentiment: "I don't like it because I think you cut the rhythm of the game." But like it or not, it's happening, so coaches are working accordingly, using those three minutes to change tactics and introduce new gameplans, as was evident during the friendlies.

'Like it or not, it's happening' may apply to the tournament as a whole, and that's probably unprecedented in the history of football World Cups.

Almost all of the talk leading up to what is supposed to be the world's greatest sporting event has centred around greed, conflict, and keeping people out, instead of inviting them for the party.

The cheapest tickets on offer cost roughly $600, which is nearly three times more than what it cost at Qatar 2022. Premium tickets to the final were put on sale by Fifa at $32,970 per ticket, thirty times more than the most expensive final ticket at Qatar.

Now, Fifa is taking all the ticket, broadcast, merchandising, and even parking revenues. Which means the host cities have to think of ways to make the World Cup count financially. Bus tickets in Boston, if you are traveling to the stadium for a World Cup game, will cost $70. New Jersey is planning to charge $100 for a return ticket for the World Cup train shuttle from Penn Station to Metlife Stadium, roughly 15km apart.

It's easy to forget that this is a tournament being jointly hosted by three countries. Canada and Mexico though will only be home to 26 of the record 104 matches, and none at all past the Round of 16. This too is a pity – Mexico City's Estadio Azteca, that colossal 90,000-seater temple to football, has witnessed four of the greatest matches ever to have been played at a World Cup: the 1970 semifinal where Italy beat West Germany 4-3; the 1970 final where Pele led a Brazilian team to a thumping 4-1 win over Italy; Maradona scored his wonder goal against England in the 1986 quarterfinals here, and then went on to lift the trophy against West Germany in the final. Estadio Azteca deserved better.

Another problem – Fifa is yet to finalise a broadcast deal in the two most populous countries, India and China. Both nations have summarily rejected the massive broadcast money Fifa has asked for, and offered paltry sums instead. This is a fight Fifa has already lost.

Major sporting events like Olympics or World Cups usually come wrapped in political ambitions of the host nation. But this one is unique in the way it has taken everything to the edge – the extreme capitalist model of extracting everything possible without regard to the paying public, participating countries being treated as hostile nations by imposing travel bans on their fans and entourages (Haiti, Senegal, Cote D'Ivoire, and Iran), a participating country (Iran) at war with a host country, the spectre of ICE raids in and around match venues. Has there ever been a more politically combustible World Cup? Is anyone talking about football anymore?

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'What If We Behaved Like the Japanese – Just Occasionally?'

Indian tourists find so many things amazing in Japan. Some we can and should bring back too. Here are six Japanese micro-philosophies, which we can learn, and really improve our life

Sandeep Das

Last year, I visited Japan and was absolutely amazed by the richness of their culture. Specifically, by how polite, graceful, and dignified everyone is. Even though the country has had its share, and more, of darkness.

Think of the catastrophic WW II bombings, devastating earthquakes and tsunamis, prolonged periods of economic pain. Despite all this, if the Japanese people are still polite and graceful, it's not by accident. Their behaviour has to be understood in terms of certain key Japanese philosophies, which shape their thinking, and help them live an excellent quality of life. Indeed, we can also improve our lives by adopting some of the Japanese micro-habits.

Kaizen | This has been heavily popularised by firms like Sony and Toyota. It's about continuous improvement. Ideas like 'improve by 1% every day', come from this philosophy. Its application potential is boundless. For someone wanting to pick up a reading habit, reading 5 pages a day for a week, then making it 6 pages a day next week, and so on, is a great example. Or someone wanting to get physically fit, walking 10 minutes every day for a week, then making it 15 minutes next week....

It's also about overcoming negative habits. For someone trying to reduce smoking, this means cutting their consumption by 1 cigarette a day for a week, then by another cigarette a day the next week, and so on. No great habit is formed overnight, but micro-habits over a sustained period of time can result in great improvement.

Ichigo Ichie | This translates to 'one time, one meeting'. Meaning, the current moment is unique, we should not lose it to thinking about the past or the future. For instance, let us slow down the pace of eating, enjoy every morsel of food. Reduce the portion size, chew a little more, feel the texture of our food. Practise active listening: instead of thinking about how to respond to the other person, try to really, really understand what they are saying, and where they may be coming from.

Shokunin | This is about a deep dedication to mastering your craft. Often, it involves lifelong self-improvement, in the pursuit of excellence. In Japan, regular people, barber, train ticket collector, garbage collector, everyone takes so much pride in their work, trying to do their jobs to the bestest of their abilities.

Image: AI

Many of us Indians, by contrast, view our job in a poor way: it is too manual, too basic, it doesn't add real value. But remember how Steve Jobs, in his famous connect-the-dots speech, spoke about how a seemingly low-utility calligraphy class he attended ended up equipping the Mac with beautiful fonts. Even the most mundane task can deliver the most exquisite outcome. We have to do it to the best of our abilities.

Osewa | This is about acknowledging someone's efforts to look after you, conveying your appreciation and respect. It's a core reason why everyone in Japan is so polite. A simple micro-habit for us to imbibe is to generously thank the people we deal with – be it the lift man, coconut vendor, flight attendant, or our domestic help.

Subconsciously, this is also connected to the principle of reciprocity. If you are nice to me, I will be nice to you. In other words, being respectful and polite has business benefits over the long run. A simple micro-habit of smiling at the people you work with, can go a long *osewa* way.

Ikigai | Perhaps this is the Japanese philosophy that's travelled furthest in the world. It's about identifying your purpose and being energised by it every morning. It can make a heck of difference in a world where every other person seems miserable at work – struggling with low motivation or burnout. To find your *ikigai*, ask yourself some key questions. What are you good at? What do you love doing? What will the world pay money for? What does the world need? At the intersection of these questions, is your *ikigai*. To be honest, finding this is not easy. It can take years, even decades. Still, this is the most simple and effective framework to get there.

Gaman | This is about building emotional resilience. Whatever Japan has been through as a society, its people are rarely bitter. Because, per the *gaman* principle, while you are not in control of what life throws at you, you do control how you respond to it. As our Dhoni has said a few times, it's about controlling the controllables.

In terms of micro-habit examples, this translates into not saying unpleasant things when you are angry, and not feeling sorry for yourself when you hit a difficult stage of life. The bigger question *gaman* philosophy pushes you to ask is, what are three things you can do to respond to the difficult situation? After all, the only thing constant in life is change. Good times give way to difficult times and difficult times give way to good times.

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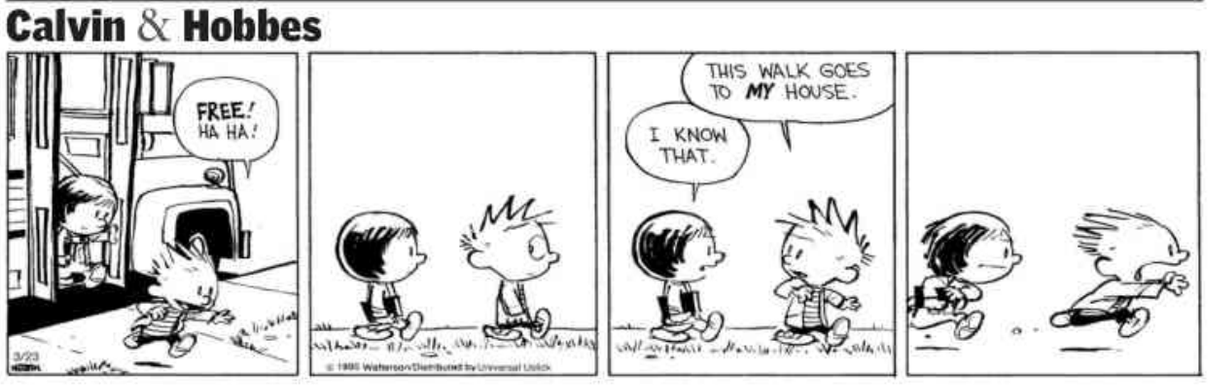

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The only person that deserves a special place in your life is someone that never made you feel like you were an option in theirs.

Shannon L Alder

Light Of Unity Can Illuminate The World

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In the 19th century, Shiraz, Iran, a 25-year-old youth took the title 'The Báb', meaning 'The Gate'. He announced that he was the prophet-herald of a new era, sent to pave the way for a global spiritual revolution.

Though his ministry lasted a brief six years, the Báb attracted thousands of followers across West Asia. Crucially, he foretold that his teachings were the prelude to an even greater divine revelation, which soon arrived through Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Bahá'í Faith.

We live in an era torn between two opposing currents: a painful process of global disintegration, and a quiet, powerful movement towards integration. Looking at the chaos of the modern world, Bahá'u'lláh once asked a series of poignant questions that still echo: "How long will humanity persist in its waywardness? How long will injustice continue? How long are chaos and confusion to reign among men? How long will discord continue? He assured that the spiritual impetus, through the fresh outpouring of divine guidance, would provide enlightenment amid global turbulence.

While nation-states repeatedly struggle to solve interlocking crises threatening our civilisation, Bahá'ís see a silver lining. The Báb's message provides a direct roadmap for societal evolution, famously calling on humanity to unite as 'brethren in one and indivisible religion.' The ultimate destination of this journey is the birth of a new World Order built on global cooperation.

THE SPEAKING TREE

To avert looming global catastrophes, the Bahá'í community actively champions a path that harmonises two major forces: religion, *dharm* and science. Bahá'í Faith provides the bridge between reason and faith for global welfare.

Science provides the technological tools to solve material problems that seemed insurmountable a century ago. Religion provides the moral and ethical framework, ensuring those tools are used with tolerance, justice, and sustainability.

At grassroots level, this looks like communities committing to essential, foundational truths required for a healthy society: (i) absolute equality (ii) equitable sharing of our planet's finite resources; (iii) eradication of all prejudices (iv) ethical governance rooted in collaboration, continuous learning, and grassroots action.

The fundamental purpose of life is to know our creator and to collectively advance human civilisation. The Báb's declaration sparked a paradigm shift, challenging us to outgrow old mindsets of domination, ego-driven success, and cutthroat competition. In their place, we are called to cultivate global awareness and an altruistic desire for universal welfare. Bahá'í writings remind us: 'So powerful is the light of unity, it can illuminate the whole world.'

True worship is expressed through a lifestyle of prayer, meditation, personal wellness, and active service to humanity. Real, tangible global transformation is an architecture we build together, and it begins right in our own homes. As our everyday thoughts and habits become anchored in ethical living, darkness of hostility naturally yields to mutual support.

Let us celebrate the bright promise of a more spiritually attuned, unified humanity, ever hopeful for divine blessings that guide our shared journey.

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Followers of the Bahá'í Faith will celebrate the 182nd anniversary of the Declaration of the Báb on May 23

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The Week That Was...

Boosted By IT & Financials Stocks, Equities Post Weekly Gains

Signs of progress in US-Iran talks to end the nearly 3-month long war, lifted market sentiment. Sensex rose 0.2% to 75,415 and Nifty rose 0.3% to 23,719. IT stocks logged a 4.3% weekly rise, in a positive turn after a steep selloff over AI-led fears

Sensex 0.2%

Sensex Gainers

Infosys	5%
Trent	4.8%
Tech Mahindra	3.9%

Laggards

Power Grid Corpn	-3.8%
Tata Steel	-3.5%
Hind Unilever	-3%

GOLD -0.3% | CRUDE -5.2% | BITCOIN -4.8%

96.82/$

Was the value of the rupee at close on Wednesday, an all-time low. The currency was prevented from breaching the 97 level due to sale of dollars by public sector banks

Source: BSE, Reuters, screener.in

India blocks China's request for dispute panel at WTO

New Delhi: India has blocked China's request to set up a dispute panel at the WTO in a case that Beijing has filed against New Delhi's support measures for the solar cells, modules, and information technology sectors, an official said. Earlier this month, China made this request to the WTO's (World Trade Organization) dispute settlement body. The request follows the failure of bilateral consultations on reaching a mutually-agreed solution on the dispute filed by China in Dec last year. AGENCIES

Wipro fixes June 5 as record date for ₹15k cr buyback

Bengaluru: Wipro has fixed June 5 as the record date for its Rs 15,000 crore buyback of shares, the company told stock exchanges. This is Wipro's sixth and largest buyback. Sixty crore shares are proposed to be bought back at a price of Rs 250 each. Before this, Wipro had a buyback in 2023 for Rs 12,000 crore. The exchange filing also said the board has approved the reappointment of Tulsi Naidu as an independent director for a second term and Laurie Marie Miller as an independent director for a period of five years. TNN

RBI surplus transfer augurs well for Centre

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The increase in the balance sheet could have been due to a variety of factors such as rising gold prices, increased intervention in bond and forex markets, liquidity management and surge in currency in circulation.

The central bank's financial outcome reflected a calibrated capital management approach in 2025-26, balancing higher internal provisioning with a larger surplus payout to the govt. This marked a shift from the previous year, when the focus was on strengthening safety buffers over surplus distribution.

The surplus transfer is good news for the Centre, which stands to gain at a time when it is staring at the prospect of higher fertiliser and cooking gas subsidy as well as a tax hit due to a spike in global oil prices. During the current fiscal year, Centre has budgeted for Rs 3,16,000 crore as dividends from RBI, banks and financial institutions compared with Rs 3,04,590 crore last year. With SBI and LIC providing dividends of over Rs 14,000 crore, govt has to garner Rs 16,000 crore dividend from other banks and financial institutions to meet its budgeted target.

RBI's net income before provisions rose 26.3% to around Rs 3.96 lakh crore from Rs 3.13 lakh crore in the previous year.

FDI inflows rise 17% to record $95bn

After Falling For 4 Years, Net Flows Increase To $7bn

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Gross foreign direct investment (FDI) grew 16.7%, its fastest pace of expansion in six years, to a record $94.5 billion in 2025-26, helping reverse the four-year falling trend of net FDI.

Net FDI was estimated at $7.7 billion during the last financial year, compared with under $1 billion in the previous year. After excluding repatriation and disinvestment of $53.6 billion — which were 4% higher last year — from gross inflows, direct investment into the country is estimated to have increased 40.6% to $40.9 billion last year

On the other hand, there was an 18% increase in FDI from India, which rose to $33.3 billion. The gap between FDI into India and those from the country is the net inflows, which have been under pressure for the last few years as overseas investors, such as private equity players and the likes of Hyundai and LG, have sold their stakes in Indian entities and taken some of that money out of the country. Indian companies have also stepped up investments — 22% higher at $22.6 billion in 2025-26 — as they seek to be part of the global value chain.

While there have been two consecutive years of double-digit growth in gross FDI, many experts have argued that the absence of core AI activity has resulted in inflows growing at a slower pace. Govt is banking on a series of recent announcements for investment in the data centre business. Global tech giants Google, Microsoft and Amazon have together committed investments of around $70 billion on last count with Foxconn, Vinfast and Shell also lining up plans for another $65 billion or so.

In recent months, there has also been heightened activity in the financial services space with Japan's Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group announcing a $4 billion investment in Shriram Finance and Japan's Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation buying into Yes Bank. The recent easing of FDI rules in insurance, where 100% overseas investment is now permitted, is likely to further increase flows into the business.

Besides, with govt maintaining a tight vigil over Chinese investment and not allowing the likes of BYD to invest in an Indian venture has also slowed down inflows from the neighbouring country, where companies are sitting on large piles of cash. The tension in West Asia and how the US comes back with a new tariff plan are key factors weighing on the minds of CEOs of global corporations which are keen to diversify their production bases, but hold back till there is greater clarity.

Fastest Growth In 6 Yrs

	Gross FDI inflows ($bn)	Net FDI ($bn)
2021-22	84.8	38.6
2022-23	71.4	28.0
2023-24	71.3	10.1
2024-25	81.0	1.0
2025-26	94.5	7.7

Source: DPIIT & RBI

RBI steps up dollar sales to $53bn to defend ₹ in FY26

Rupee Gains 113P In Two Sessions, Returns To 95 Level Against $

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: RBI stepped up dollar sales in FY26 to manage exchange rate volatility. The central bank recorded a total net sale of $53.1 billion over the course of the fiscal year an increase of $12 billion compared to net sales of $41.1 billion in FY25. Despite temporary periods of dollar accumulation, the central bank maintained a decisive stance as a net seller of foreign currency across both fiscal years.

Given that the dollars were purchased when the rupee was stronger, bankers estimate RBI to have made at least 10% profit on its sales. In other words, nearly Rs 50,000 crore of its income could have come from forex intervention in FY26. The impact of dollar sales on RBI's reserves has been partly cushioned by the increase in the value of gold.

The closing months of FY26 highlighted this aggressive tactical maneuvering. In March 2026, the RBI heavily liquidated greenbacks, executing a net sale of $9.8 billion. This marked a swift, complete reversal from Feb 2026, when the central bank had actively absorbed dollars with a net purchase of $7.4 billion.

An analysis of monthly peaks over the two-year horizon shows that the absolute highest volume of net dollar sales occurred in Nov 2024 (FY25), when the central bank flooded the market with a massive net sale of $20.2 billion. In comparison, the peak selling month for FY26 was Oct 2025, which saw a net liquidation of $11.9 billion.

Conversely, RBI demonstrated its strongest appetite for dollar accumulation in March 2025 (FY25), wrapping up that fiscal year with an impressive net purchase of $14.7 billion. This remains the highest volume of net purchases across the entire two-year duration, comfortably eclipsing FY26's peak accumulation month of Feb 2026, where net purchases stood at $7.4 billion.

$12Bn More Than Net $ Sales In FY25

Month	Net Purchase/ Sale of Foreign Currency (US $ Bn)
March 2026	-9.8
Feb 2026	7.4
Jan 2026	2.5
Dec 2025	-10.0
Nov 2025	-9.7
Oct 2025	-11.9
Sept 2025	-7.9
Aug 2025	-7.7
July 2025	-2.5
June 2025	-3.7
May 2025	1.8
April 2025	-1.7

Re rises on RBI intervention

The rupee rose for the second straight session on Friday, gaining 51 paise to close at 95.69, and with Thursday's 62 paise appreciation has erased most of its losses from earlier this week. The currency strengthened despite firming global oil prices, with crude swinging higher as stop-start US-Iran peace talks continued to seesaw and dragged market sentiment with each shift. Support came from RBI intervention and announcement of a $5 billion swap, which is expected to add to the central bank's forex reserves in the medium term.

Forex reserves fall $8.1bn

Meanwhile, forex reserves fell $8.1 billion to $688.9 billion in the week ended May 15 driven mainly by a $6.5 billion drop in foreign currency assets (FCAs) and a $1.5 billion decline in gold reserves due to valuation effects.

'Economy resilient, supply a worry'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Domestic economic activity exhibited resilience in April, with industrial and services sectors maintaining strength across several segments, even as global uncertainties and geopolitical tensions continued to cast a shadow, RBI said in its latest State of the Economy article.

At the same time, the central bank struck a note of caution, stating that "India's near-term outlook is somewhat clouded by supply-side pressures". Even as it lay emphasis on the economy's resilience, RBI cautioned that "the external environment... continues to pose risks," reinforcing the need for close monitoring of inflationary pressures and global spillovers.

WHAT RBI NOTED

- Rising global commodity prices due to elevated transportation and logistics costs pose upside risks
- Agriculture has provided a cushion, with summer sowing progressing well, supported by above-normal pre-monsoon rainfall and comfortable reservoir levels
- Bond yields have hardened amid inflation concerns

On prices, the central bank said "consumer price inflation (CPI) rose to 3.5% in April," largely due to food inflation, while "core inflation remained steady," indicating relatively contained underlying pressures. However, rising global commodity prices due to "elevated transportation and logistics costs" pose upside risks going forward.

The report highlights that the global environment remains "overshadowed by persistent geopolitical uncertainties," particularly tensions in West Asia, which have disrupted energy supplies, trade routes and logistics. These disruptions have "injected volatility into financial markets and clouded the macroeconomic outlook." Despite these headwinds, domestic growth impulses remain intact. The RBI noted that agriculture has also provided a cushion, with "summer sowing progressing well," supported by "above-normal pre-monsoon rainfall and comfortable reservoir levels."

Financial markets globally have remained volatile, with RBI observing that "bond yields hardened" amid inflation concerns, while equity markets saw intermittent recoveries driven by technology stocks and shifting risk appetite. India's external sector trends were mixed. The report pointed out that "net FDI remained positive... signalling continued investor confidence," but foreign portfolio investors "continued to be net sellers," albeit with some moderation in outflows. In its concluding assessment, the RBI flagged a nuanced labour market picture. The Naukri JobSpeak Index showed "variability across months," suggesting uneven hiring trends, while PMI employment indices "remained consistently above 50," indicating expansion in employment.

Forex spends by Indians drop 2% to $29bn in FY26

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Total outward remittances under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) witnessed a contraction in FY26, dropping about 2% to $29 billion from the $29.6 billion recorded in FY25.

This downward trajectory highlights that visa restrictions are impacting overseas education spending, which plummeted 20.9% from $2.9 billion to $2.3 billion, alongside a 3.1% dip in international travel. Despite the marginal percentage drop, travel remains the single largest overarching expense item under the LRS, accounting for $16.4 billion in FY26.

In stark contrast to declining lifestyle expenses, asset-backed outflows grew aggressively, even though they rose from a relatively low base compared to consumption categories. The purchase of immovable property abroad emerged as the fastest-growing segment, surging 63.8% to reach $528.7 million up from $322.8 million in the previous year. Similarly, investment in overseas equity and debt securities experienced a robust 56.1% growth spike, jumping from $1.7 billion in FY25 to $2.7 billion in FY26.

March 2026 bucked the broader quarterly trends by showcasing a distinct sequence of monthly shifts, heavily influenced by sudden geopolitical shockwaves. Total monthly remittances stood at $2.6 billion in March compared to $2.3 billion in Feb—a sequential change in dollar flow that was heavily constrained under the surface by a drastic slide in international travel.

Following the late-Feb outbreak of the US–Iran war and subsequent airspace closures across West Asia, travel-related LRS remittances plummeted from $1.3 billion in Feb to $1 billion in March. This steep drop in travel was only offset at an aggregate level by a massive, last-minute rush into overseas equity and debt investments.

Swiggy board changes rejected by investors

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Bengaluru: Swiggy shareholders have voted against proposed changes to the company's Articles of Association, preventing the planned appointments of CFO Rahul Bothra and cofounder Phani Kishan Addepalli to the board.

The special resolution received 72.4% shareholder support, falling short of the 75% threshold required for approval, according to an exchange filing on Thursday. Swiggy said the proposed appointments of additional executive, non-independent directors were contingent on approval of the Articles of Association amendments. Following the outcome of the postal ballot, the appointments "will accordingly not take effect on June 1, 2026," the company said.

Domestic control bid fails

The company had earlier told investors that the proposed amendments formed part of a broader effort to eventually become an "Indian Owned and Controlled Company" (IOCC) under foreign exchange regulations.

"(It) is our long-term commitment to ensure management representation on the Board and advance our transition toward becoming an IOCC under applicable Indian foreign exchange laws and regulations," a Swiggy spokesperson said. "These remain enduring priorities for us. We will continue to engage constructively with our shareholders and work towards a positive outcome," the statement added.

Kevin Warsh takes to Fed's wheel amid policy headwinds

Washington: **Kevin Warsh**, whose broad criticism of current US Federal Reserve officials, playbook for rate cuts and ties to President Donald Trump elevated him past other contenders to lead the central bank, was sworn in as Fed leader on Friday at a pivotal moment for monetary policy and the American economy.

Warsh was sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas after a lengthy introduction by Trump-.Trump, who has been incessant in his criticism of former Chair Jerome Powell, said Warsh would have the "full support of my administration" and wanted him to be "fully independent" in his new role, but also urged him to recognise that "growth does not mean inflation."

Calling it the "honor of a lifetime to be called back into public service," Warsh, in brief comments afterward, said: "To fulfill this mission, I will lead a reform-oriented Federal Reserve, learning from past successes and mistakes."

Awaiting him is an unfolding boom in AI technology that is reshaping the economy in ways Fed officials say could be profound for workers, companies and consumers, but will be hard for Warsh and his colleagues to assess in real time. At the same moment, inflation is high and potentially heading higher as the economy copes with shocks including oil driven over $100 a barrel by the US-Israeli war with Iran, high import tariffs, and utility and other costs rising due to the AI rollout. REUTERS

Sebi targets finfluencer misconduct

Mumbai: Sebi on Friday issued a landmark interim order banning multiple unregistered "finfluencers" and entities from the stock market for running a "pump-and-dump" manipulation racket on social media. According to the order, the operators bought small/mid-cap stocks, artificially inflated prices by sharing unsubstantiated bullish tips to followers, and then dumped their shares at a massive profit, leaving retail investors with heavy losses. These individuals leveraged platforms like Telegram and WhatsApp to artificially inflate trading volumes and prices. TNN

Quantum Tech Moves Beyond Experiments As India Builds Capability & Industry Prepares For Future Risks

'Quantum is where AI was 5 yrs ago'

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Bengaluru: Quantum technology, long confined to research laboratories, is moving into what some experts describe as a crucial investment phase – one that could determine how economies compete in the decades ahead. Among them is Ajai Chowdhry, a cofounder of HCL and chairman of the mission governing board at India's National Quantum Mission. He argues that quantum technology today is at a stage comparable to artificial intelligence five years ago, when early investments began to translate into rapid commercial gains. Chowdhry suggests that the current period could be decisive for investors and governments alike.

> Quantum today is where AI was five years ago. If you invest in quantum now, you will see significant returns. Investing in technology is not just about ROI, it is about investing at the right time. Quantum will be a breakthrough technology that solves major problems, especially when combined with AI
>
> **Ajai Chowdhry** | CHAIRMAN, MISSION GOVERNING BOARD, NATIONAL QUANTUM MISSION

The broader context is a shift towards technological self-reliance. Countries are increasingly wary of depending on imported technologies in critical areas such as computing and communications. "Technology sovereignty has become essential," Chowdhry said.

India's response has been to launch a structured national programme. The mission has established four hubs across leading institutions: quantum computing at Indian Institute of Science (IISc), quantum communication at IIT Madras, quantum sensing at IIT Bombay, and quantum materials and devices at IIT Delhi. The aim is not only to advance research but also to develop technologies that can be deployed commercially.

Quantum computing is perhaps the most widely discussed area. Unlike classical computers, which process information in binary bits, quantum systems use qubits that can represent multiple states simultaneously. This allows them, in theory, to solve certain complex problems far more quickly. India has progressed from small experimental systems to machines with 64 qubits, with plans to scale further in the coming years.

With quantum computers, cybersecurity is a concern. Powerful quantum computers could eventually break existing encryption methods. This has made quantum communication a priority. The technology uses the principles of quantum mechanics to create secure communication channels that are extremely difficult to intercept. India has already demonstrated a secure network spanning 1,000 kilometres and is working towards expanding it. Such networks could be used to safeguard everything from banking systems to defence communications.

Quantum sensing focuses on highly sensitive measurement tools. One example described by Chowdhry is a diamond-based quantum microscope that can inspect semiconductor chips without damaging them. Another is a quantum magnetometer capable of detecting underground mineral deposits with high precision. Similar technologies could also be used for navigation in environments where GPS signals are unavailable, such as underwater.

"Some of these technologies are already being developed into products," he said.

Quantum materials and devices form the foundation for these applications. Researchers are exploring multiple approaches, including superconductors, photonics and semiconductor-based systems, reflecting uncertainty over which technologies will ultimately prove most effective. "It's important to work across all options," Chowdhry said, "because you don't know which will succeed."

WD's quantum-safe hard drives have an India hand

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Bengaluru: Western Digital has integrated post-quantum cryptography into its latest high-capacity hard drives, becoming one of the first storage companies to prepare its data centre devices for a future in which quantum computers could potentially break today's encryption standards. The move, which involved a global engineering effort including significant firmware and IT infrastructure work from the company's India teams, is aimed at protecting long-term stored data from emerging cybersecurity threats tied to advances in quantum computing.

"Quantum computing reaching the point where it can break current encryption standards is no longer a question of if, but when. That is why the industry needs to start preparing now," Xiaodong Che, better known as Carl, the company's chief technology officer, told TOI.

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> **Xiaodong Che (Carl)** | CTO, WESTERN DIGITAL

The technology has been integrated into Western Digital's Ultrastar data centre hard drives, which are used by enterprises and hyperscale cloud operators.

Unlike processors or memory chips, hard drives are what Che calls "data-bearing devices" – systems where information can remain for years, sometimes decades. "The data on the system will have value even longer than five years," he said. "We want to make sure the whole lifecycle of the data on our device is future-proof."

The company's new security architecture is based on post-quantum cryptographic standards developed through years of collaboration between govts, standards bodies and researchers across multiple countries. At the centre of the implementation is a new encryption standard known as ML-DSA 87, designed to resist attacks from future quantum machines. Che described the shift as far more than a software patch. "It is a whole infrastructure," he said. "The firmware, the memory allocation, the hardware security workflow – everything has to support the new cryptography."

That effort became a global engineering project inside the company, with teams across regions contributing to the transition. India played a significant role, particularly in firmware and IT infrastructure development.

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LIFE IS WHAT HAPPENS TO US WHILE WE ARE MAKING OTHER PLANS — ALLEN SAUNDERS

OPRAH WINFREY SAYS DOGS 'ALLOWED ME TO HOLD ON' WHEN 'EVERYTHING ELSE WAS FALLING APART'

LUPITA NYONG'O REJECTS CRITICISM OF HELEN OF TROY ROLE: 'THIS IS A MYTHOLOGICAL STORY. OUR CAST IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WORLD'

Rubio sees progress in Iran talks, but says 'not there yet'

Qatar Sends Negotiating Team To Tehran To Resolve Key Differences

Washington/Dubai: The US has seen some progress towards a deal with Iran, but more work is required, secretary of state Marco Rubio said on Friday, as diplomatic efforts intensified to find an end to a conflict that has roiled the global economy.

Iran's foreign minister met his Pakistani counterpart on Friday to discuss proposals to end the war, Iranian media reported, while Qatar sent a negotiating team to Tehran to try to resolve key differences.

While gaps have been narrowed between the two sides, there are still sticking points over Iran's enriched uranium and control over the Strait of Hormuz, whose closure since the beginning of the war has triggered a global energy crisis. "There's been some progress. I wouldn't exaggerate it. I wouldn't diminish it," Rubio told reporters after a meeting of Nato ministers in Sweden. "There's more work to be done. We're not there yet. I hope we get there."

Rubio reiterated comments made on Thursday that Iran's plans for a tolling system for the strait through which a fifth of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas flows were "unacceptable". "We're dealing with a very difficult group of people, and if it doesn't change, then the president's been clear he has other options," Rubio said.

He also said the US had not asked the Nato military alliance for help on the Strait of Hormuz but that there needed to be a Plan B if Iran refused to reopen the waterway.

AFP

Smoke rises from the site of an Israeli strike in Lebanese village of Mayfadoun

Two days after presenting the Iranians with the latest US message in the negotiations, Pakistani interior minister Syed Mohsin Naqvi held another round of talks with Iranian foreign minister Abbas Araqchi in Tehran, the semi-official Tasnim news agency reported.

The Qatari team, which is working in coordination with the US, arrived in Iran on Friday, a source with knowledge of the situation told Reuters.

Qatar has been a key player in mediating between Israel and Hamas over the war in Gaza and in other areas of international tension but had distanced itself so far from the current conflict after coming under fire from Iranian missiles and drones.

Munir reaches Tehran

Pakistan army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir on Friday reached Tehran for a crucial visit to expedite efforts for a deal between the US and Iran to end the war in the region, the army said. According to a statement issued by the army, Munir's visit is "part of ongoing mediation efforts". On arrival, he was received and warmly welcomed by Iranian interior minister Eskandar Momeni at the airport. Pakistan's interior minister Mohsin Naqvi was also present at the airport, according to the army. AGENCIES

Freed Gaza flotilla activists allege Israeli abuse, including assault, rape

Rome/Jerusalem/Paris: Activists released from Israeli custody after being detained on a flotilla trying to bring aid to Gaza were subjected to abuse, organisers said on Friday, with several hospitalised with injuries and at least 15 reporting sexual assaults, including rape.

Israel's prison service denied the allegations.

Germany said some of its nationals had been injured and that some accusations were "serious", without giving further details. A legal source in Italy said prosecutors there were investigating possible crimes, including kidnapping and sexual assault.

"The allegations raised are false and entirely without factual basis," an Israeli prison service spokesperson said in a statement. "All prisoners and detainees are held in accordance with the law, with full regard for their basic rights and under the supervision of professional and trained prison staff," it said. "Medical care is provided according to professional medical judgement and in accordance with Ministry of Health guidelines."

The Israeli military referred queries to the foreign ministry, which referred them to the prison service. REUTERS

USCIS: Aliens in US briefly must apply for Green Card from home country

Washington: Migrants to the US seeking permanent residency or a green card will have to return to their home country to file their applications, the US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) said on Friday.

"From now on, an alien who is in the US temporarily and wants a Green Card must return to their home country to apply, except in extraordinary circumstances," USCIS spokesman Zach Kahler said. He said the US was returning to the original intent of the law to ensure aliens navigate its immigration system properly.

"Non-immigrants, like students, temporary workers, or people on tourist visas, come to the US for a short time and for a specific purpose. Our system is designed for them to leave when their visit is over," the USCIS said. "Their visit should not function as the first step in the Green Card process."

The policy memo directed officers to consider all relevant factors on a case-by-case basis when determining whether an alien warrants this extraordinary form of relief. PTI

Ukraine hits dorm in occupied town, killing six, Putin seeks response

Starobilsk, Luhansk: Russian President Vladimir Putin Friday ordered his military to prepare options to retaliate against Ukraine after he accused Kyiv of carrying out a drone attack on a student dorm that he said had killed six and wounded dozens of young people, with 15 still unaccounted for.

Putin said the attack had struck the dorm in Starobilsk in the Russian-controlled Luhansk region in eastern Ukraine. He said Kyiv's military must have known what it was targeting.

"There are no military facilities or related services in the vicinity... The strike was not accidental; it came in three waves, with 16 drones targeting the same location," Putin said.

Yana Lantratova, Russia's human rights commissioner, said 86 teenagers had been asleep inside the hostel when drones had attacked it at night. Moscow said the UNSC would hold an emergency session to discuss the incident. REUTERS

Indian VCs behind Silicon Valley's 2 new religions – SpaceX & OpenAI

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: If the dotcom era gave investors dreams of effortless millions and the crypto boom offered visions of digital billions, the coming IPOs of SpaceX and OpenAI — likely in June and Sept, respectively — promise something more intoxicating: trillion-dollar fantasies wrapped in Silicon Valley superlatives.

One company wants to take humanity to Mars. The other wants to automate humanity before it gets there. Together, the two offerings — one built on rockets and satellites, the other on AI capable of writing poetry, software code and occasionally your boss's PowerPoint presentation — are shaping up as the biggest technology spectacles since the internet boom of the early 2000s.

And quietly preparing for astonishing windfalls from the two IPOs are two Indian-origin investors who placed early bets before the rest of Wall Street began attaching a dozen zeroes to valuations.

The better-known of the two is veteran venture capitalist Vinod Khosla, whose Khosla Ventures became one of OpenAI's earliest major backers in 2019 when he wrote a $50 million cheque after Sam Altman approached him when co-founder Elon Musk backed away from his initial commitments. Khosla later said it was the riskiest bet of his career, saying he apologised to his own investors before making the commitment.

That gamble is now close to a big windfall. If OpenAI eventually lists at the $850 billion-to-$1 trillion valuation range, Khosla's investment could now be worth around $1.5 billion, a return of 30 times the original investment, making it one of the most profitable VC bets in tech history.

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A lost opportunity

The story carries a particularly painful footnote for India Inc. Bengaluru-based **Infosys** was among the original co-founding supporters of OpenAI when it was launched as a non-profit research lab in Dec 2015, contributing $3 million as a philanthropic donation. Then CEO Vishal Sikka reportedly pushed for an investment of up to $1 billion, but conservative voices on the board blocked it, questioning whether such a dramatic departure from the company's traditional IT services business model was prudent. **Had Infosys proceeded with the investment, the resulting stake today could have been worth roughly $45 billion — nearly 90% of Infosys's current market capitalisation.**

If Khosla's OpenAI investment now appears visionary, Anand Desai's New York-based hedge fund Darsana Capital Partners' bet on SpaceX increasingly resembles buying Manhattan before the Dutch arrived. Desai became a "Musk-ateer" in 2019, accumulating shares when SpaceX carried a valuation of $30-33 billion. At that time, Musk's talk of Mars colonies still sounded like science fiction rather than a future business plan.

Appropriately now for a hedge fund named after the Sanskrit word "darsana", the firm appears poised to make an almost mythic fortune from an investment many initially viewed as detached from commercial reality. SpaceX is reportedly targeting a valuation between $1.5 trillion and $1.75 trillion for its listing. According to Wall Street Journal, nearly 60% of Darsana's assets are tied to SpaceX shares, and the fund's stake could now be worth over $10 billion.

Musk-Altman rivalry

Behind the looming IPOs lies a rivalry almost as compelling as the valuations themselves. The bitter feud between Musk and Altman has become the defining corporate soap opera of the AI age. Musk co-founded OpenAI with Altman in 2015, presenting it as a non-profit initiative aimed at ensuring AI benefited humanity. But disagreements eventually drove Musk out.

Yet investors appear largely unconcerned by either the rivalry or the risks. Both companies now occupy that rarefied zone in modern finance where conventional accounting matters less than narrative, ambition and hype. The frenzy surrounding the IPOs reflects a belief that these are not merely corporate listings but civilisational milestones. Whether either can ultimately justify trillion-dollar valuations remains uncertain. But for Desai and Khosla, the arithmetic already looks heavenly. In Silicon Valley, prophets are not always right, but the earliest believers usually become spectacularly rich.

One of Gabbard's top advisers quit in mid-March over war in Iran

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Unfortunately, I must submit my resignation, effective June 30, 2026... My husband, Abraham, has recently been diagnosed with an extremely rare form of bone cancer," Gabbard's letter said, according to the report, adding that she was "stepping away from public service" to help him.

One of Gabbard's top advisers, Joe Kent — endorsed by Trump in failed bids for Congress in 2022 and 2024 — resigned in mid-March over the war in Iran, claiming in a public letter that Israel misled Trump into believing the regime in Tehran posed an imminent threat.

Gabbard, 45, a veteran of the Iraq War who continues to serve as an officer in the Army Reserve, has been a vocal opponent of the US engaging in regime change wars, including as Trump's intelligence director with oversight over the US govt's 18 spy agencies.

In her resignation letter, Gabbard told Trump she was "deeply grateful for the trust you placed in me and for the opportunity to lead the Office of the Director of National Intelligence for the last year and a half". Trump, in his own social media post announcing her resignation, said, "Tulsi has done an incredible job, and we will miss her." He said her principal deputy, Aaron Lukas, will serve as acting director of national intelligence. There had been rumblings Gabbard would split with Trump after his decision to strike Iran, which caused some division within his administration. AGENCIES

Nato allies baffled as Trump changes course on US troop moves in Europe

Helsingborg, Sweden: Nato allies and defence officials expressed bewilderment Friday at US President Donald Trump's announcement that he would send 5,000 US troops to Poland just weeks after ordering the same number of forces pulled out of Europe.

The apparent change of mind came after weeks of statements from Trump and his officials about reducing the US military footprint in Europe. Trump's initial order set off a flurry of action among commanders and left allies already doubtful about America's commitment to Europe's security to ponder what forces they might have to backfill on Nato's eastern flank with Russia and Ukraine.

Earlier this month, the Trump administration said it was reducing levels in Europe by about 5,000 troops, and US officials confirmed about 4,000 service members were no longer rotating into Poland from Germany.

But in a post on Truth Social on Thursday, Trump said he would now send "an additional 5,000 troops to Poland," citing his strong ties with Polish President Karol Nawrocki, whom Trump endorsed in elections last year.

"It is confusing indeed, and not always easy to navigate," Swedish foreign minister Maria Malmer Stenergard said at a meeting she was hosting of her Nato counterparts, including US secretary of state Marco Rubio.

US officials also expressed confusion. "We just spent the better part of two weeks reacting to the first announcement. We don't know what this means either," said an official. But Rubio said allies understand that changes in US troop presence in Europe will come as the Trump administration reevaluates its force needs. "I think there's a broad recognition that there are going to be eventually less US troops in Europe than there have historically been.." AP

WHO says Congo Ebola outbreak 'spreading rapidly', raises risk level

Geneva: The head of the World Health Organization said Friday the Ebola outbreak in Congo is "spreading rapidly" and now poses a "very high" risk at the national level.

WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the UN health agency was revising upward to "very high" its assessment of the risk within Congo, which had previously been deemed as high. The risk remains high for regional spread and low at global levels, he said.

The WHO chief said 82 cases have been confirmed in the Democratic Republic of Congo, with seven confirmed deaths, "but we know the epidemic in DRC is much larger".

He said there are now almost 750 suspected cases and 177 suspected deaths. The situation in neighbouring Uganda is "stable" with two cases confirmed in people who had travelled from Congo, with one death.

Patient with 'Ebola suspicion' admitted to Dutch hospital

A hospital in The Netherlands said Friday it had admitted a patient with a "low suspicion" of Ebola, adding tests would emerge over the weekend. The patient has been placed in a specialised isolation unit for observation, testing and treatment, according to the Radboud University Hospital. The hospital, located in the east of the country, gave no details about the patient. AGENCIES

'Hello, Goodbye': Colbert bows out of 'Late Show'

New York: Paul McCartney led an all-star lineup for the final episode of "The Late Show" as frontman Stephen Colbert bowed out after broadcaster CBS cancelled his show as it courted US President Donald Trump.

But one A-lister who eluded the comic to the end was the pope, whom Colbert had long touted as his dream guest. "The pope, who was definitely my guest tonight, has cancelled," Colbert joked, blaming a dispute over hotdogs before McCartney appeared to rapturous cheers. The show was axed after he mocked CBS for a $16 million settlement with Trump for allegedly "maliciously" editing an interview with his election rival Kamala Harris.

CBS has insisted the decision to end the show, the ratings leader in the time slot, was purely financial. Colbert did not mention Trump directly Thursday, instead using a recurring CGI wormhole gag as a metaphor for the president's impact on US public life.

McCartney sang the Beatles mega-hit "Hello, Goodbye" to the capacity crowd at New York's Ed Sullivan theatre. "We thought America was just the land of the free, the greatest democracy. Was. Still is hopefully," he said. There were cameos from actors Paul Rudd, Ryan Reynolds and Bryan Cranston.

On Truth Social, Trump wrote: "Colbert is finally finished at CBS. Amazing that he lasted so long!" Rival hosts aired re-runs Thursday out of respect for Colbert's swansong that had an afterparty themed "Fired and festive!" AFP

US state stops execution as staff can't find man's vein

Nashville: Tennessee officials on Thursday called off the lethal injection of Tony Carruthers, who was convicted of kidnapping and murdering three people in 1994, after his executioners tried and failed for over an hour to establish an intravenous line. Governor Bill Lee said soon afterward the state would not try again for at least a year.

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In a written statement, the Tennessee department of corrections said medical personnel had quickly established a primary IV line but were unable to find a suitable vein for a backup line as required by the state's execution protocol. Efforts to insert a central line also failed, and the execution was called off.

Maria DeLiberato, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney representing Carruthers, said she saw him "wincing and groaning" while officials attempted to find a vein, calling it "horrible" to watch.

"Tony Carruthers' case raised serious concerns about mental illness, representation, innocence, and access to DNA testing," the Death Penalty Information Center said. "The state's failed attempt to execute him presents an additional issue surrounding the qualifications of the people tasked with executing prisoners." Carruthers, 57, was found guilty of the 1994 kidnappings and murders of Marcellos Anderson; his mother, Delois Anderson; and Frederick Tucker. Authorities said Marcellos was a drug dealer and that Carruthers was trying to take over the illegal trade in their Memphis neighbourhood. AP

B'desh: Hasina must return via legal procedures

Dhaka/New Delhi: Bangladesh's home minister, Salahuddin Ahmed, has said govt wants former PM Sheikh Hasina to return through "legal procedures", reacting to her recent remarks that she hoped to return home "very soon" despite facing a death sentence.

"We want to get her back through legal procedures," Ahmed, a senior minister in PM Tarique Rahman's cabinet, said, adding he was not aware of any legal obstacle to Hasina's return if she wished to do so. Hasina has been living in India since Aug 2024. A day ago, another senior official said no "extra-judicial measures" would be taken against Hasina, but she would have to "surrender to the judiciary". PTI

WORLD DIGEST

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ART ILLUSION: The oldest bridge in Paris looked on Thursday as if it had been swallowed by a mountain. The transformation is the work of JR, the street artist known as the 'French Banksy,' who this week began inflating a giant artificial 'cave' over the Pont Neuf, turning the 17th-century bridge that has carried Parisians across the Seine for more than 400 years into a rocky illusion rising over the river

Chicks hatch from artificial egg as US firm aims to revive an extinct species

A US company said more than two dozen healthy baby chickens have hatched from an artificial egg platform it has developed in what it calls a pivotal step in its plan to bring back the South Island Giant Moa, a large flightless bird from New Zealand that went extinct centuries ago. The announcement was made this week by Colossal Biosciences, a company dedicated to "de-extinction" — resurrecting vanished species. The moa is one of two birds — the dodo being the other — among the six species in its portfolio to revive, guided by ancient DNA. The company said last year that it had genetically engineered the dire wolf, an extinct Ice Age predator. The moa, which stood up to about 12 feet (3.6 meters) tall, went extinct roughly 500 years ago, largely due to hunting by people. The emu, a large flightless bird from Australia that can reach about six feet tall, is its closest living relative.

Jailed Vietnamese tycoon's Hermes bags sell for $550K

A pair of luxury Hermes handbags that once belonged to a jailed Vietnamese property tycoon sold at auction for more than $500,000, state media reported, as govt seeks to recover funds linked to a $27 billion fraud. Property developer Truong My Lan was convicted in 2024 of swindling cash from Saigon Commercial Bank, which prosecutors said she controlled. She was initially sentenced to death in one of Vietnam's biggest corruption cases, but now faces life in prison after Hanoi abolished capital punishment for some crimes. Tens of thousands of people who invested their savings in the bank lost money, shocking the communist nation and prompting rare protests from the victims. Three cars once belonging to Lan — a Maybach, a BMW and a Lexus — are set to be auctioned Friday.

How Kamala sank: Dems admit '24 went horribly wrong but still no plan for '28

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: After months of secrecy, recrimination, leaks, and intra-party paranoia, the Democratic Party on Thursday released its long-awaited autopsy of the disastrous 2024 presidential campaign that resulted in Kamala Harris losing the election to Donald Trump, turning the post-mortem into another debacle.

The 192-page review, authored principally by Democratic strategist Paul Rivera, was intended to explain how Kamala Harris lost the 2024 election to Trump despite massive fundraising, a late burst of enthusiasm after President Joe Biden exited the race, and widespread Democratic warnings that the MAGA supremo represented an existential threat to American democracy. Instead, the report has exposed a party still deeply divided over what exactly went wrong.

The report paints a picture of a Democratic Party disconnected from working-class voters, weak on economic messaging, culturally overextended, and organisationally complacent. It argues Democrats lost credibility on immigration, public safety and inflation, while Republicans successfully portrayed Harris as an ineffective steward of the Biden administration. The report, however, sidesteps a sustained examination of Biden's disastrous decision to seek re-election despite widespread voter concerns about his age — concerns Democrats dismissed until his catastrophic debate performance forced his withdrawal. Nor does it scrutinise the chaotic process that elevated Harris to the nomination without a competitive primary after Biden stepped aside in July 2024.

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Former US veep Kamala Harris

That omission has enraged many Democrats who believe the party establishment is still protecting senior figures like Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer from accountability. The report also barely touches another politically explosive issue: divisions within the party over US support for Israel's war in Gaza, a conflict that alienated many progressive voters.

The findings themselves often read less like a dramatic revelation than a compilation of painful truths Democrats have spent two years arguing about on podcasts, cable television and anguished group chats. Democrats, it concludes, failed to connect with Latino voters, men, rural Americans and younger voters. The party remained too dependent on traditional media. Trump's campaign, it says, learned more from Barack Obama's 2008 organising revolution than Dems did.

The report also criticises Democratic spending practices — Harris raised roughly $1 billion in a 107-day campaign but still failed to overcome voter dissatisfaction with the economy, immigration, and perceptions of elite detachment. But the most extraordinary feature of the release is the Democratic National Committee's own disclaimer. DNC chairman Ken Martin practically disowned the report while publishing it, while acknowledging the document was incomplete and lacking adequate sourcing.

The debacle captures the party's broader predicament heading into 2028. On one side are establishment figures who argue Dems simply need sharper messaging and better organisation against an increasingly unpopular Trump administration. On the other are younger activists who believe the party suffers from something deeper: a leadership culture that is risk-averse, consultant-driven and terrified of genuine ideological conflict.

For now, Dems are trying to focus on the 2026 midterms, where Trump's polarising presidency may help unify the anti-Republican vote. But the autopsy suggests the party still has no settled answer to the larger question: whether Trump's victory was an aberration or evidence that Democrats have fundamentally lost touch with large sections of the electorate.

"THE BALL IS COMING OUT NICELY AT THE MOMENT. I WAS SITTING OUT FOR MOST GAMES IN THE WORLD CUP BUT I WAS WORKING HARD IN THE NETS. I WASN'T BOWLING WELL IN THE FIRST FEW GAMES OF THE IPL, BUT NOW I'VE GOT MY RHYTHM BACK."
—Mohammed Siraj | GT pacer

RCB WIN TABLE WAR

Despite Loss To SRH, Holders Protect NRR To Finish On Top

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Hyderabad: The scoreboard said Royal Challengers Bengaluru needed 256 to beat Sunrisers Hyderabad, but the chase carried another set of numbers. SRH needed to restrict RCB below 165 to force their way into the top two, while the visitors had to protect their net run rate to stay ahead of Gujarat Titans.

In the end, SRH won the match by 55 runs, but RCB won the table arithmetic. The visitors finished on 200/4, enough to end the league phase on top with 18 points and a net run rate of +0.783. Gujarat Titans, also on 18 points, finished second with +0.695, while SRH, despite their emphatic win, had to settle for third with +0.524.

The visitors were off to a flying start, reaching 50 in 3.4 overs. Venkatesh Iyer (44 off 19 balls; 4x4, 4x6) took 23 runs off Shivang Kumar's fourth over, hitting three sixes and a four, before Eshan Malinga removed him in the next over. Sakib Hussain then struck in the sixth over, dismissing Virat Kohli for 15, as RCB ended the Powerplay at 75/2.

Malinga struck again in his third over to remove Devdutt Padikkal (21 off 14; 2x4, 1x6). RCB slowed down after the Powerplay but captain Rajat Patidar (56 off 39; 6x4, 1x6) and Krunal Pandya (41 not out off 31; 5x4) ensured they crossed the required net-run-rate markers before finishing on 200/4.

Earlier, the Sunrisers top-order showed just how dangerous they can be ahead of the playoffs. Despite coming against in-form duo of Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Josh Hazlesood, the trio of Abhishek Sharma, Ishan Kishan and Heinrich Klaasen hit entertaining half-centuries to power the hosts to the season's third-highest total of 255/4. Electing to bat first, openers Travis Head (25 off 16b; 5x4) and Abhishek Sharma (56 off 22b; 4x4, 5x6) added 45 runs in five overs, hitting the purple cap holder for 25 runs in two overs before Rasikh Salam Dar dismissed Head. Iyer dropped Abhishek on 25 off Rasikh at deep square leg as Sunrisers posted 63/1 in the Powerplay.

Abhishek then hit Suyash Sharma for consecutive sixes and took 19 runs off Romario Shepherd, with two sixes, to reach his half-century in 20 balls. He was then holed out at long-off in the next over after adding 52 runs for the second wicket.

Klaasen joined Ishan Kishan (79 off 46b; 8x4, 3x6) as the pair's 48-ball 113 for the second wicket in 48 deliveries boosted the team's total. Klaasen, who scored five runs off his first nine deliveries, hit Josh Hazlewood for three sixes and a boundary in a 27-run 13th over. He and Kishan scored 18 off Bhuvneshwar's next over, with Kishan reaching his half-century off 31 balls. Both took 20 runs off Rasikh in the 16th to take the hosts to 200 in 15.2, with the season's highest total appearing possible.

But Klaasen (51 off 24b; 2x4, 5x6) was dismissed by Krunal in the 17th over when he mistimed a shot.

Despite Nitish Kumar Reddy 's cameo (29* off 12b; 1x4, 3x6), an eight-run 19th over by Bhuvneshwar and a nine-run final over from Rasikh, which included the wicket of Kishan on the final ball, left the hosts short of the season's record total.

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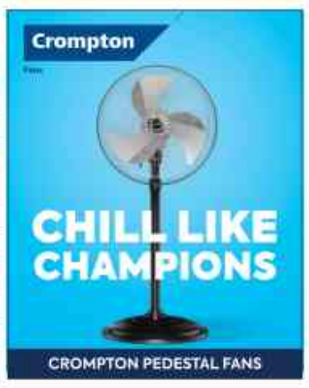
TOP SHOW: Ishan Kishan smashes one to the fence during his quickfire 46-ball 79 in Hyderabad on Friday

SCOREBOARD

Sunrisers Hyderabad: Abhishek Sharma c sub (Cox) b Suyash 56, Travis Head b Rasikh 26, Ishan Kishan c Padikkal b Rasikh 79, Heinrich Klaasen c Venkatesh b Krunal 51, Nitish Reddy 29 n.o, Extras: 14 (W-14). **Total (4 wkts; 20 overs) 255**
Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-97, 3-210, 4-255
Bowling: Bhuvneshwar Kumar 4-0-51-0, Josh Hazlewood 4-0-55-0, Rasikh Salam 4-0-52-2, Suyash Sharma 3-0-36-1, Romario Shepherd 3-0-37-0, Krunal Pandya 2-0-24-1.
Royal Challengers Bengaluru: Venkatesh Iyer c Abhishek b Malinga 44, Virat Kohli c Smaran b Hussain 15, Devdutt Padikkal c Abhishek b Malinga 21, Rajat Patidar c Smaran b Head 56, Krunal Pandya 41 n.o, Tim David 15 n.o. Extras: 8 (LB-2, NB-1, W-5). **Total (4 wkts; 20 overs) 200**
Fall of wickets: 1-60, 2-74, 3-94, 4-178
Bowling: Pat Cummins 4-0-48-0, Eshan Malinga 4-0-33-2, Shivang Kumar 2-0-32-0, Sakib Hussain 4-0-31-1, Harshal Patel 4-0-37-0, Nitish Kumar Reddy 1-0-10-0, Travis Head 1-0-7-1.

HOW THEY STAND

TEAM	M	W	L	NR	NRR	P
RCB	14	9	5	0	0.783	18
GT	14	9	5	0	0.695	18
SRH	14	9	5	0	0.524	18
RR	13	7	6	0	0.083	14
PBKS	13	6	6	1	0.227	13
KKR	13	6	6	1	0.011	13
CSK	14	6	8	0	-0.345	12
DC	13	6	7	0	-0.871	12
MI	13	4	9	0	-0.510	8
LSG	13	4	9	0	-0.702	8



PBKS hope playoffs door stays open

Fazal Khan | TNN

Lucknow: Punjab Kings arrive at the Ekana Stadium on Saturday with no room left for error. After six straight defeats, a campaign that once promised much has reached a nervous finish — beat Lucknow Super Giants and stay alive, or lose and bow out. PBKS are fifth with 13 points and a net run rate of +0.227. Victory will take them to 15 but qualification will still depend on results elsewhere. Rajasthan Royals, currently ahead of them, can shut Punjab out by beating Mumbai Indians.

If Rajasthan slip, PBKS will also keep an eye on Kolkata Knight Riders' final game against Delhi Capitals, with KKR another side capable of reaching 15. For LSG, the stakes are different but not insignificant. Their playoff hopes are over and they sit at the bottom with four wins from 13 matches, but their last home game offers a chance to finish with some dignity and shape another team's season.

Punjab also hold the recent edge between the sides, having beaten LSG by 54 runs earlier this season in New Chandigarh. LSG assistant coach Lance Klusener admitted inconsistency had defined their campaign. "We haven't really been able to string it all together," he said, pointing to a batting unit that improved only in the second half.

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2 wins for PBKS out of three matches against LSG in Lucknow.

93 Priyansh Arya's match-winning knock off 37 balls in New Chandigarh on April 19, 2026 is the highest individual score in matches involving Punjab and Lucknow.
—**Stats:** Rajesh Kumar

Maharaja Trophy from June 20

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Bengaluru: The revamped Maharaja Trophy will begin at the SNRW Stadium in Mysuru on June 20, with the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) promising a more transparent and professionally managed tournament after years of controversy surrounding the league.

Originally launched in 2009 as the Karnataka Premier League, the T20 competition was once regarded as a trendsetting platform for talent identification by IPL franchises. However,

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over the years, allegations of fixing, concerns over match quality, and infrastructure issues affected the league's reputation.

The current KSCA administration on Friday unveiled a fresh edition of both the Maharaja Trophy and Maharani Trophy, with an emphasis on credibility, talent development, and stronger governance.

The tournament usually begins in August. This year, it will kick off at SNRW Stadium in Mysuru on June 20 and end at the same venue on July 12. The six-team tournament will be held in three phases. The second phase will be hosted at the Rajnagar Stadium in Hubballi, which recently hosted the Ranji Trophy final.

"The legends from our state have been actively involved, and we believe the tournament is about showcasing our talent. Karnataka has a lot of talent and potential, which has not been tapped well, and through the tournament, we hope to do it," stated KSCA president Venkatesh Prasad.

To ensure credibility of owners, a stringent framework was put in place, and four of the previous six franchises – Mysuru, Bengaluru, Gulbarga/Raichur, and Hubballi teams will have their existing owners, while Shivamogga and Mangaluru will have new owners.

Speaking about franchises, Keshava MS, chairman of the governing council, outlined, "We wanted to ensure that people who have passion and commitment for the development of cricket are partnering with us." The Maharani Trophy is likely to be held in the city, and it will continue to be a four-team event. With all franchises expressing interest in owning women's teams, last year's Hubli Tigers and runners-up Mysore Warriors will continue to be a part of the women's competition, while the remaining two teams will be decided by a draw of lots.

Another novelty this season is that the scrutiny of the players in the auction will be done by the state selection committee.

"The pool of players of about 14-150 will be selected by the KSCA selection committee. Only those players will be a part of the auction pool. Even the two catchment players per team will have to undergo the scrutiny of the KSCA selection committee before being added to the squad," pointed out Santosh Menon, secretary, KSCA.

QUICK FACTS

Dates: June 20-July 12
Venues: Mysuru & Hubballi
Teams: 6 – Hubballi (Jindal Steels), Mangaluru (Kiene Paks Ltd), Bengaluru (Kalyani Motors), Raichur/Gulbarga (Micon Engineers Hubli pvt ltd), Mysuru (Natural & Essential Oils pvt ltd) Shivamogga (ICS Mobile pvt ltd)
Auction: June 4
Teams purse: Rs 60 lakh
Broadcaster: Sony Network

KEY NOTES
✔ To encourage youngsters, an age cap is likely to be implemented
✔ KSCA selection committee to pick players for the auction
✔ No player from outside the pool will be eligible
✔ Women's Maharani Trophy to be a four-team tournament

CENTRE DISTANCES ITSELF FROM FEDERATION'S STAND ON PHOGAT

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It said the federation's departure from the earlier practice of permitting the participation of reputed athletes based on past performance "speaks volumes" and appeared to be "premeditated". The bench lashed out at WFI's counsel for citing her absence on the wrestling circuit and reminded him that Phogat had recently become a mother. Even as the WFI counsel clarified that the selection criterion is not to the exclusion of new mothers and the issue in the present case arose from Phogat's decision to retire, the court remarked that the consequence of the WFI policy was that she had been excluded.

Had she not become a mother, she would have participated and become eligible, HC said, adding that an athlete should concentrate on sports preparation, not litigation.

Meanwhile, the Centre distanced itself from WFI's stand and the letter, instead claiming it had not sought that Phogat be in any way excluded, which was the wrestling body's decision. The Centre's counsel submitted that if Phogat clears the trials, the framework provided by the Sports Authority of India permits relaxation of criteria for her to participate in the Asian Games. The criteria for her participation in the trials, however, has to be relaxed by WFI, the lawyer said.

He further said the trials could be conducted under the supervision of a technical team of WFI in the presence of independent observers nominated by the Centre and the Indian Olympic Association, and the entire exercise would be videographed.

HC was hearing Phogat's appeal against a single-judge's order of May 18 refusing her immediate relief from being barred from the selection trials.

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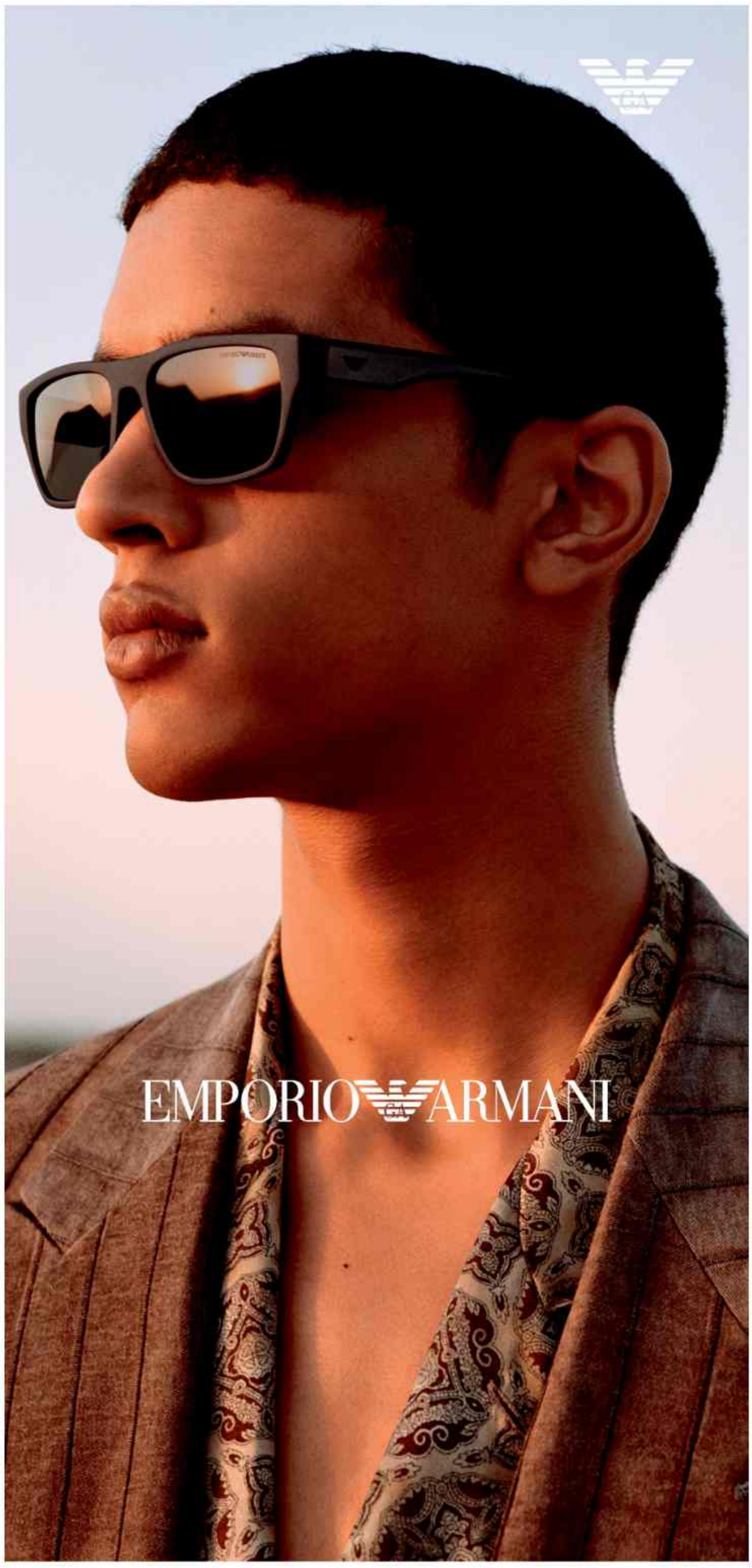

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Bhambri-Venus enter final

India's Yuki Bhambri locked his first ATP final of the season when the Indian and his New Zealand partner Michael Venus advanced to the men's doubles title clash of the Geneva Open with a straight-set win over Czech pair Petr Rikl and Adam Pavlasek in Geneva on Friday. The Indo-Kiwi duo, seeded third, registered a 7-5, 6-3 victory in the semi-final. They will face Arneodo and Marc Polmans in the title clash after their 7-6(4) 6-2 win over Constantin Frantzen and Robin Hasse.

India lose in Jr Davis Cup: Indian boys suffered a 0-2 loss to hosts Kazakhstan in the semifinals of the Junior Davis Cup (U-16) Asia-Oceania Final Qualifying team tennis event in Shymkent on Friday. Tavish Pahwa went down 2-6, 2-6 to Akhmadi Mahanov before Hruthik Katakam lost 2-6, 3-6 to Ansar Niyetkaliyev. India face Japan, who lost to Australia 1-2, in the third-place playoff. The winner of the tie is assured of a place in the World Finals along with the two finalists.

Chaliha falls in quarters: India's Ashmita Chaliha produced a spirited performance before going down narrowly to world No. 23 Line Hojmark Kjaersfeldt of Denmark in the women's singles quarterfinals of the Malaysia Masters Super 500 badminton tournament in Kuala Lumpur on Friday. The 71st-ranked Indian squandered a hard-fought opening game advantage to lose 23-21, 18-21, 11-21 to the eighth seed.

Pranavi tied second: Pranavi Urs carded 3-under 70 to occupy tied second place with nine other players on the first day of the Lalla Meryem Cup in Rabat, Morocco. The other Indian players in the field had modest starts as Avani Prashanth and Diksha carded rounds of 2-over 75 to be T-61 while Hitaashee carded 5-over 78 to be placed T-99.

Vihaan triumphs: Vihaan Jain of Haryana made clutch putts on the home-stretch on Friday to hold off a gritty Nilofer Sivamoorthy of Tamil Nadu, securing the Southern India Junior Boys Golf Championship in Coimbatore. He carded a five-over 77 for a two-shot victory over Sivamoorthy (75).

Final scores: Cat 'A' (15-17 yrs): 300: Vihaan Jain (75, 72, 76, 77); **302:** Nilofer Sivamoorthy (77, 74, 76, 75); **305:** Adhiraaj Singh Gill (74, 79, 76, 76); **308:** Shashank Sachin Gadre (79, 78, 75, 76), Chaitanya Pandey (79, 75, 77, 77). **Cat 'B' (13-14): 308:** Chaitanya Pandey; **311:** Jaibir Singh Kang (83, 77, 77, 74); **314:** Saatvic Kumar Singh (81, 78, 80, 75); **321:** Aditya Tewari (85, 78, 80, 78); **332:** Siddhant Sharma (82, 83, 81, 86).

PLAYERS CLOSE RANKS

Tennis Stars Cut Media Time At French Open Amid Prize Money Row

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Paris: Top tennis players walked the talk on Media Day at the French Open.

The Friday before is bookmarked for pre-championship press conferences, broadcaster engagement and tournament obligations. At Roland Garros, where TV rights are split by territory, top seeds Aryna Sabalenka and Jannik Sinner, along with several other ATP and WTA stars, escalated matters by limiting and, in some cases, cancelling engagements with rights holders and saying nay to one-on-ones with the tournament website.

Seated on the dais deep beneath the mighty Court Philippe-Chatrier, Aryna Saba-

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lenka called time on her press conference with written media after just eight minutes. The world No.1 was not budging from the players' united stand of 15-minutes and no more on Media Day.

"We want to make our point. We (the players) are united," Sabalenka said. "I'm here to talk to you because I respect you guys. Thank you so much for being here, we all know what's happening."

WHAT PROS ARE PROTESTING

The players have closed ranks to force the four Grand Slams to raise the share of tournament revenue distributed to players to 22% in line with what players receive at ATP and WTA 1000 events. They have also called for contributions toward pensions, health insurance and maternity benefits, while demanding a greater say in the structural decisions shaping the sport. In March last year, the top-10 men at the time and all but one of the top-10 women (Elena Rybakina) wrote to the Grand Slams outlining those demands. According to players, the majors never responded.

The issue escalated in the lead-up to Roland Garros, when players across both the ATP and WTA Tours voiced collective frustration following the announcement of prize money for the clay-court major. In a media statement released earlier this month, players highlighted what they described as the central issue. The players' share of Roland Garros revenue had fallen from 15.5% in 2024 to a projected 14.9% in 2026, which is why they restricted Media Day obligations to 15 minutes.

Jannik Sinner, 24, already one of the sport's strongest voices, said the players' stand was ultimately about respect.

"When we have to wait for more than a year for even a small response, it's not nice," Sinner said of the first of the two letters players sent to the Grand Slams. "We are not only talking about prize money, we are also talking about pension, which is a very important topic, and also decision-making.

"Now three of the four Grand Slams start on Sunday, but we don't know if they want to start on Saturday or Friday. We would like to have a conversation about that," the Italian said. Sabalenka, a four-time major winner, raised the bar. "It's not about me, it's about the players who are lower in the ranking," she said. "It's not easy to live in this tennis world with that percentage they are earning. As the World No. 1, I have to fight for those players."

Novak Djokovic, the 24-time major winner, who celebrated his 39th birthday on Friday going through Media Day commitments at regular pace, wasn't part of the protest. "I haven't been part of the process, the conversation or the planning," he said, "But what I can do is reiterate my own position, I have always been on the players' side."

Daniil Medvedev, the mercurial maverick, seeded six here, took heart in players coming together. "Probably for the first time, at least in my years on the Tour, players are kind of really united," he said. "We don't want to hurt ourselves, we don't want to hurt anyone. We just want a discussion with the Slams, which we feel they are maybe not wanting enough to discuss."

For now, the protests remain measured, shortened media duties, cancelled broadcaster appearances, carefully worded statements from the game's biggest stars. Yet on the eve of another Roland Garros, the message from the locker room is unmistakable, this is not just about money, but about securing a seat at the table.

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TENSIONS ESCALATE: Jannik Sinner takes a stand in Paris on Friday

Marijne banks on depth

Indian Women's Hockey Team Gear Up For Busy Season

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Bengaluru: Indian women's hockey chief coach Sjoerd Marijne believes the team is beginning to regain stability after a difficult phase marked by injuries, inconsistencies, and controversies. The focus is now on a demanding international calendar that includes the Australia tour, FIH Nations Cup, World Cup, and Asian Games.

Speaking to TOI ahead of the tour Down Under next week, the Dutchman said the team management is prioritising workload management, squad depth,

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and maintaining a strong pool of players rather than preparing separate squads for marquee events.

Excerpts:

On fresh faces in the team:
There are players in the junior programme who I think can match up to international level. Some of them got an opportunity during World Cup qualifiers and now the tour of Australia. I think players like Sonam and Hina Bano are ready to play against Australia. They are part of the process of creating depth in the side by bringing in young players of high quality.

FOCUSED: Sjoerd Marijne

On taking 22 players for the tour:
Given the marquee events this season, the tour is very important, and that's why we have a 22-member squad. We also have to manage the load and the rest. The Nations Cup, soon after, will give us a clear idea about who we can take to the World Cup and Asian Games.

On different teams for the WC and Asian Games.
We are not looking at separate teams. Instead, the idea is to pick from a pool of 22 players, with some featuring in both tournaments depending on the format and requirements.

The process being followed in terms of mental fitness and toughness:
I'm so demanding during camps that playing matches will be more relaxing than being in the camp. I tell my coaching staff to make things highly demanding at the camp to put the benchmark high. This makes it mentally easier for them to play against teams like Australia.

Initially, they will be nervous, but a certain amount of nervousness is healthy.

Bringing down the number of injured players:
At the beginning of the year, we had around 14 injured players. Now, we have only two – Sangita (Kumari) and Vaishnavi (Phalke). Wayne Lombard (scientific adviser and head of athletic performance) and the rest of the support staff have put in a lot of effort to minimise injuries. Over the past few months, we have taken some big steps on the fitness front.

Using Dutch legend Taeke Taekema's expertise:
He will be with the team in Australia and Argentina. He also supervises sessions virtually. He is more than happy to do all that. His experience, not just technically or tactically, but even mentally, is invaluable. It also helps that he has worked with other Asian teams like China and Japan. He is helping us with not just drag flicks, but in PC [penalty corner] defence and the defence line as well. He also assists with analysing the opponent.

Ivashka vs Biryukov in final

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Bengaluru: The final rally of the semifinal match ended with Ilya Ivashka letting out a roar of triumph as Hamish Stewart sent the ball wide in the SM Krishna Memorial Open tennis tournament here on Friday. The Belarusian fought back strongly in the decider after surrendering the lead in the second set to register a 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 victory over the Englishman. Ivashka will now face Petr Bar Biryukov for the title on Saturday. Biryukov fought back to hand Alastair Gray a 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5) defeat.

Ivashka, who achieved a career-high ranking of 40 in 2022, started strongly by holding serve in the opening game and carried that momentum through the first set. His powerful serves earned him several

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easy points, while his consistent targeting of Stewart's backhand kept the Brit under pressure throughout. The Belarusian stayed composed and conceded only three games to comfortably take the opening set, sealing it with a powerful smash as Stewart grew visibly frustrated with his own unforced errors.

The momentum shifted in the second set as second-seeded Stewart began playing with greater aggression. The Brit struck four aces and forced Ivashka to cover the court after being pushed around in the opening set. Midway through the set, Ivashka lost his cool after disputing an overruled line call during a deuce game when he held the advantage point. The interruption appeared to affect his rhythm as Stewart capitalised to level the match.

The 32-year-old Belarusian responded strongly in the decider, matching Stewart shot for shot in aggressive baseline rallies. Throughout the match, Ivashka struck 26 winners despite committing 32 unforced errors, while Stewart finished with 34 unforced errors.

The set remained level at 2-2 before Ivashka shifted gears and won four consecutive games to seal the contest. He entered the final game with a dominant 40-0 lead before a forehand error from Stewart handed him the victory. **Results (semifinals):** Ilya Ivashka (Blr) bt Hamish Stewart (Gbr) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; Petr Bar Biryukov bt Alastair Gray (Gbr) 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5). **Doubles:** Adil Kalyanpur/Mukund Sasikumar bt Charles Barry (Irl)/ Joshua Charlton (Aus) 6-4, 6-3; Petr Bar Biryukov/Grigoriy Lomakin (Kaz) bt Niki Kaliyanda Poonacha/Saketh Myneni 6-3, 6-4. **—Jia Khosla**

Syed Asif

ECSTATIC: Ilya Ivashka

Gautham shocks Arjun

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Bengaluru: Unseeded Gautham S Nair of Bengaluru Urban stunned 16th seed Arjun Agrawal in straight games, securing a dominant 21-10, 21-7 victory to book his place in the semifinals in the Karnataka State Sub-Junior (U-15 & U-17) ranking badminton tournament.

Meanwhile, in the girls' singles U-17 quarterfinals, top seed Keerthi Balaji of Bengaluru Urban cruised past Yashika Shivaprakash in straight games, 21-9, 21-17, to advance to the semifinals.

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Results (B'luru Urban unless mentioned): Quarterfinals: U-17: Boys: Mehul Manav Arulmurugan bt Satvik S Prabhu (DK) 21-19, 16-21, 21-12; Peeyush Tripathy bt Evan Dexter Fernandes 21-15, 14-21, 21-16; Shivaraj Kabberalli bt Devansh Chowdhury 21-18, 21-23, 21-13; Dylan Thokchom bt Shyam Bindiganavile 21-11, 18-21, 21-14. **Girls:** Keerthi Balaji bt Yashika Shivaprakash 21-9, 21-17; Mahitha Naidu Surisetty bt Hamsa Muralidhara 21-10, 21-9; Siri TR bt Deborah John 21-14, 11-21, 22-20; Adithi Sushanth bt Shree Naga Lakshmi 21-17, 21-18. **U-15: Boys:** Yashvardhan SR bt Rohan Karuturi (Rch) 21-18, 21-10; Ishaan Pathak bt Madhav Satheesh Veena 21-15, 21-15; Vishal Uthappa (Mys) bt Aayush Mishra 21-18, 16-21, 21-19; Gautham Nair bt Arjun Agrawal 21-10, 21-7. **Girls:** Mahitha Naidu Surisetty bt Lisha V 21-8, 21-15; Adithi Susharth bt Siri TR 21-18, 21-18; Hansika Rakesh (Mys) bt Hamsa Muralidhara 21-17, 12-21, 21-13; Smriti S bt Johanna Ahilan 21-16, 17-21, 21-15.

Kujur reclaims NR & CWG spot

Ranchi: Animesh Kujur (10.15s NR) and Gurindervir Singh (10.17) lit up the opening day of the National Senior Athletics Federation Competition at Birsa Munda Stadium, Morabadi, here on Friday as they reduced the men's 100m national record by

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0.03 seconds within a matter of minutes, reports **Arnab Seal**. Both the sprinters also qualified for the CWG.

Shailesh wins silver: Karnataka's Shailesh Kushwaha won the silver in men's 10,000m clocking 29:57.56s. **Results (Day 1): Men 10,000m:** Deepak Bhatt (Uttarakhand) 29:42.93, Shailesh Kushwaha (Karnataka) 29:57. 56, Prashant Choudhary (Uttar Pradesh) 30:36.97; **3,000m steeplechase:** Balkishan (Haryana) 8:56.01, Sharuk Khan (Uttar Pradesh) 8:56.63, Sunil Joliya (Gujarat) 8:58.38; **Hammer throw:** Ashish Jakhar (SSCB) 68.52m, Damneet Singh (Reliance) 67.62m, Ajay Kumar (Haryana) 64.93m. **Women: 10,000m:** Ravina Gayakwad (Maharashtra) 35:30.98 secs, Soniya (Uttarakhand) 36:16.22, Aarti Pawara (Maharashtra) 36:24.79 secs; **3,000m steeplechase:** Ankita (Uttarakhand) 9:48.16, Prachi Devkar (IOCL) 10:16.29, Anju (Haryana) 10:28.23; **Long jump:** Ancy Sojan (Navy) 6.75m (MR), Shaili Singh (Anju Bobby George Academy) 6.58m, Bhavani Yadav (NCOE Bengaluru) 6.39m; **Discus throw:** Seema (JSW) 57.29m, Nidhi Rani (Haryana) 55.05m, Krishna Jayashankar (Reliance) 55m. TNN

Annsh SC bag narrow win

Annsh Sports Club rode on Arunkumar K's two goals to claim a narrow 2-1 win over Black Moon FC in a North Zone Group C match in the KSFA 'C' Division League football championship in Bengaluru on Friday. **Results: North Zone: Gp C:** Annsh SC 2 (Arunkumar K 23, 45) bt Black Moon FC 1 (Milan Jonathan 7); Play 365 FC 5 (Dhanush MV 11, Rohan MS 14, Muhammed Shan MP 31, Nithin Francis 35, Yash Raj M 42) bt Victoria FC Bengaluru 0; Ronaldo FC

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Bengaluru 14 (Chinmay Pai M 5-og, Mohammed Riyas PS 6, 22, 26, 30, 47, Lunjakai Aite 13, Karthik B 28, Sonukumar S 4, 41, 51, Soiminthang 39, Gowri Shankar R 44, Vijay Nagappan 60) bt Yelahanka FC 0. **Gp D:** Blue Diamonds FC 1 (Babu 26) drew with Agniputhra FA 1 (Kameshwaran S 12); RV FC 6 (Sachin S 11, 31, 34, 39, Raju 13, Hemkumar M 61) bt Pioneer FC Bangalore X 0; DB United FC bt Mahesh Raj United FC (w/o).

K'taka outplay Punjab: Karnataka endured a mixed outing on the opening day of the 76th Junior National Basketball Championship in Puducherry on Friday. While the boys' team handed Punjab a 71-55 defeat in a Group B match, the girls' team suffered a 52-56 loss to Chhattisgarh.

K'taka results: Men: Gp B: Karnataka 71 (Anshul Sai 15, Divith Shenava 14, Samarth Manur 12) bt Punjab 55 (Divjot Singh 21, Danish 10); **Women: Gp A:** Chhattisgarh 56 (Rumi Konwar 14, Divya Rangari 12, Parul Verma 10) bt Karnataka 52 (Swathi Prabhu 16, Shravani Shivanna 11, Nilaaya Reddy 10).

Vanguards prevail: Bangalore Vanguards edged past IBBC 59-53 in the State 'B' Division League Basketball Championship in Bengaluru on Friday. **Results: League stage:** Mandya Dist 61 (Shashidhar 13, Shashank Gowda 13) bt Devanga Union 37 (Dhruvanth 15) HT 41-12; DK Dist 61 (Amruth 25, Sahil Alva 13) bt Vimanapura SC 58 (Akash 12) HT 21-29; B'lore Vanguards 59 (Vyas 17, Avinash 16) bt IBBC 53 (Venkat 21, Sanath 10) HT 30-26; HBR BC 87 (Sanketh 22, Vinoth 22) bt Rajmahal BC 82 (Anand Kumar 22, Shishir 16) HT 55-38. TNN

Caruana beats Pragg

Praggnanandhaa lost his first game in the Super Chess Classic after being defeated by USA's Fabiano Caruana in the seventh round in Bucharest. Vincent Keymer of Germany was joined by Jorden Van Foreest and Caruana in the lead on 4.5 points. Pragg remained on 3.5 points. His first loss almost threw him out of contention for the top spot. PTI

Prokofiev best for main event

Bengaluru: Prokofiev from Prasanna Kumar's yard — to be piloted by Trevor Patel, and Shroff-trained Margaretta (Vivek G up), are set to dominate the finish of the Col. Desaraj Urs Memorial Cup, the feature event of the races on Saturday. The first race starts at 2.30 pm.

1. The Royal Tern Plate 1200M: Osaka 1, Bright Thunder 2. **2. The Moonlight Romance Plate (Div-II) 1400M:** Kazing 1, LG's Script 2. **3. The Supervite Plate (Div-II)**

RACE SELECTIONS

1400M: Queendom 1, Blue Storm 2. **4. The KN Guruswamy Memorial Trophy 1400M:** Alfonsine 1, Angelisa 2. **5. The Col. Desraj Urs Trophy 1600M:** Prokofiev 1, Margaretta 2. **6. The Moonlight Romance Plate (Div-I) 1400M:** Mandate 1, Cr Seven 2. **7. The Supervite Plate (Div-I) 1400M:** Supreme Success 1, Mister Brown 2. **Day's best:** Supreme Success. **Jackpot:** 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7. **Mini Jackpot:** 4, 5, 6 & 7. **First Treble:** 2, 3 & 4. **Second Treble:** 5, 6 & 7. TNN

"NOTHING IS ETERNAL."

GUARDIOLA TO END DECADE-LONG MAN CITY REIGN

Manchester: Pep Guardiola will leave Manchester City at the end of the season after a decade in charge, the club announced on Friday, bringing an end to one of the most successful eras in English soccer and one of the most influential managerial reigns of all time. The departure of the 55-year-old Catalan coach will close the book on a remarkable chapter that has seen City transform into a footballing juggernaut.

Guardiola, who took charge of City in 2016, has won six Premier League titles — including four in a row — three FA Cups, five League Cups and the Champions League, but his side have not won the league in two years.

"Don't ask me the reasons I'm leaving. There is no reason, but deep inside, I know it's my time," Guardiola said in a statement.

"Nothing is eternal, if it was, I would be here. Eternal will be the feeling, the people, the memories, the love I have for my Manchester City.

"We worked. We suffered. We fought. And we did things our own way. Our way."

Although City sealed the domestic cup double this season, Guardiola saw his dreams of a seventh Premier League crown dashed when they drew 1-1 at Bournemouth on Tuesday to hand Arsenal the title, with City set to finish second. AGENCIES

Foden, Palmer out of Eng squad

London: England will head to next month's World Cup without several familiar faces after midfielders Phil Foden and Cole Palmer and defender Trent Alexander-Arnold all missed the cut for manager Thomas Tuchel's 26-man squad on Friday.

There was a surprise recall, however, for former Brentford striker Ivan Toney despite him playing only seven minutes of international football since Euro 2024.

Manchester United midfielder Kobbie Mainoo was selected after a return to form in the second half of the season but there was no place for his United teammate Harry Maguire who has been a mainstay of England's defence in recent tournaments.

United's Luke Shaw also missed out but Manchester City defender John Stones has been selected for his sixth tournament despite making only a handful of league appearances this season.

JORDAN HENDERSON

Real Madrid right back Alexander-Arnold has featured only once since Tuchel took charge of England in January 2025 and his omission was not a surprise.

Midfielder Jordan Henderson, a firm favourite of Tuchel for his leadership qualities, becomes only the second England player to make four World Cup squads after 1966 World Cup winner Bobby Charlton.

Tuchel's ruthless streak and loyalty to players who have performed under his tenure, rather than those with big reputations, was again in evidence as the German selected nine players without any previous major tournament experience. AGENCIES

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Goalkeepers: Dean Henderson, Jordan Pickford, James Trafford; **Defenders:** Dan Burn, Marc Guehi, Reece James, Ezri Konsa, Tino Livramento, Nico O'Reilly, Jarell Quansah, Djed Spence, John Stones; **Midfielders:** Elliot Anderson, Jude Bellingham, Eberechi Eze, Jordan Henderson, Kobbie Mainoo, Declan Rice, Morgan Rogers; **Forwards:** Anthony Gordon, Harry Kane, Noni Madueke, Marcus Rashford, Bukayo Saka, Ivan Toney, Ollie Watkins.

Arbeloa to leave Real Madrid, Mourinho likely replacement

Madrid: Alvaro Arbeloa said he would not be Real Madrid coach next season and would leave the club for a new challenge after a tumultuous four months in charge.

Arbeloa, a former Real defender, joined the 15-time European champions in Jan to replace his compatriot Xabi Alonso, and led Real to a second-placed finish in LaLiga.

But with media reports linking Jose Mourinho with a return to Real as coach, Arbeloa confirmed he would not be staying on, but left the door open to return to the club in the future. AGENCIES

CARRICK GETS 2-YR CONTRACT

Manchester: Michael Carrick has been handed a two-year contract by Manchester United after passing his audition for the job of head coach with flying colours. United confirmed that Carrick would become their seventh permanent manager since the retirement of club icon Alex Ferguson in 2013. "Throughout the past five we've shown what our club represents — resilience togetherness and a determination to succeed. Now it's about moving forward again with ambition and purpose," Carrick said. AGENCIES

HAALAND, ODEGAARD TO LEAD NORWAY'S CHARGE

Oslo: Erling Haaland and Martin Odegaard headline Norway's World Cup squad, which was announced in a video by the country's King Harald V on Thursday.

Manchester City striker Haaland and Arsenal midfielder Odegaard, who will captain, are among the starriest names in a 26-man squad that has reached the global tournament for the first time since 1998.

Other prominent names include Antonio Nusa, Alexander Sorloth, Julian Ryerson, Jorgen Strand Larsen and Oscar Bobb. AGENCIES

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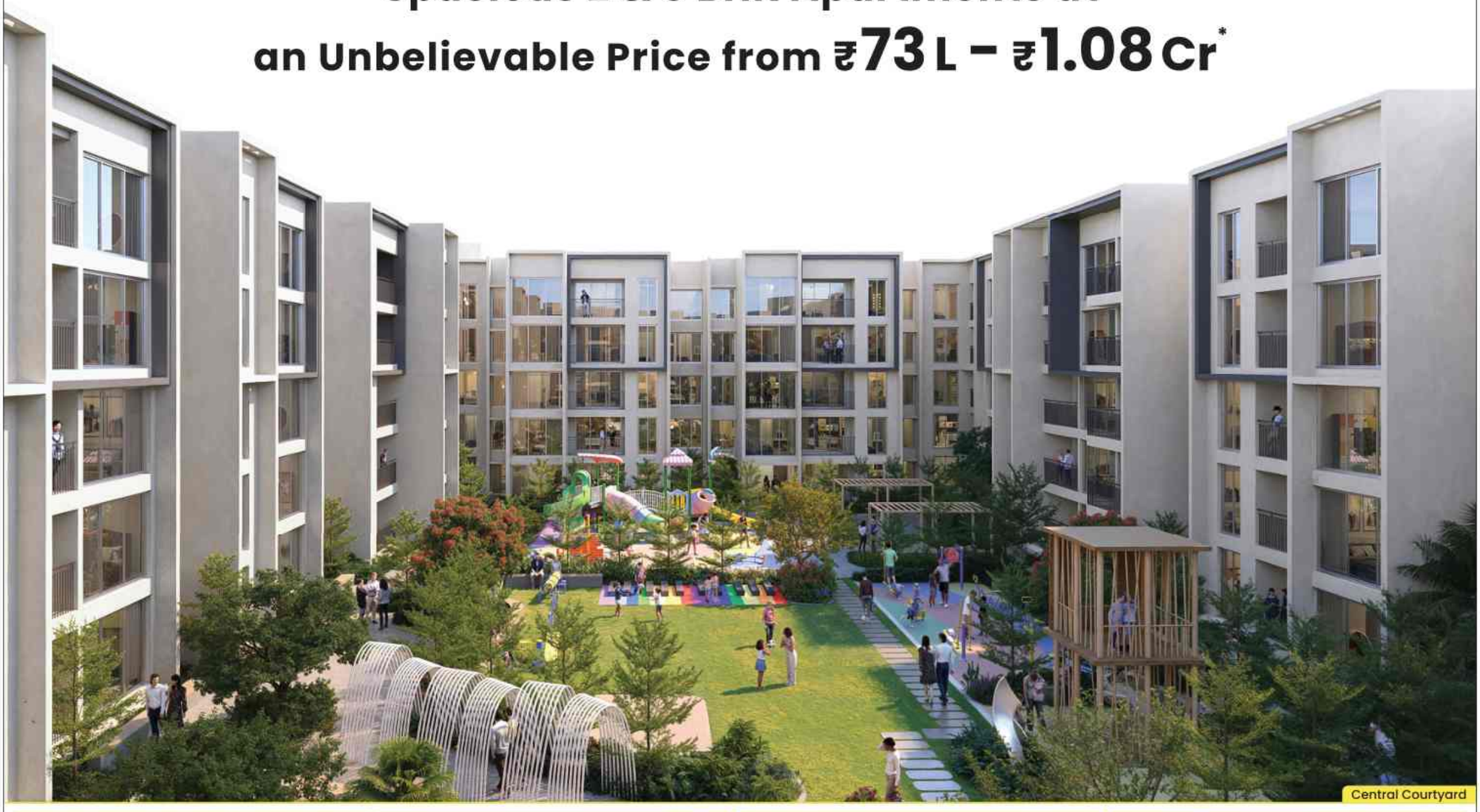
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14. Maze Garden
15. Musical Garden
16. Amphitheatre

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18. Skating Rink
29. Adventure Play Area
20. Play Mound
21. Kid's Play Area
22. Outdoor Rock Climbing Wall
23. Interactive Floor Games
24. Toddler's Play Area
25. Tot-Lot

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27. Badminton Court
28. Mini-Golf Putting
29. Outdoor Gym
30. Tennis Court
31. Meditation Pods with Yoga Lawn
32. Futsal Court
33. Cricket Practice Net

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35. Kid's Pool
36. Pool Volley Ball
37. Poolside Café
38. Jacuzzi
39. Splash Pad / Interactive Fountain
40. Sunken Seating
41. Cabana
42. Poolside Cinema
43. Spa & Saloon

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FEATURES & ENTERTAINMENT
44. Multipurpose Hall with Pantry
45. Minitheatre

INDOOR GAMES
46. Table Tennis
47. Billiard Table
48. Subsoccer
49. Indoor Mini Golf
50. Air Hockey
51. Video Games & Vr Game Area
52. Foosball
53. Board Games Area

FITNESS & WELLBEING
54. Gym
55. Yoga / Aerobics

KIDS PLAY AREA
56. Ball Pool With Slide
57. Rock Climbing Wall
58. Creche

CO-WORKING SPACE
59. Conference Room
60. Co-Working Space
61. Learning Centre

TERRACE
62. Sky Cinema
63. Star Gazing
64. Terrace Hangout Plaza

CONVENIENCE
65. Ironing Shop
66. Convenio Store
67. Car Charging Bay
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69. Car Washing Bay

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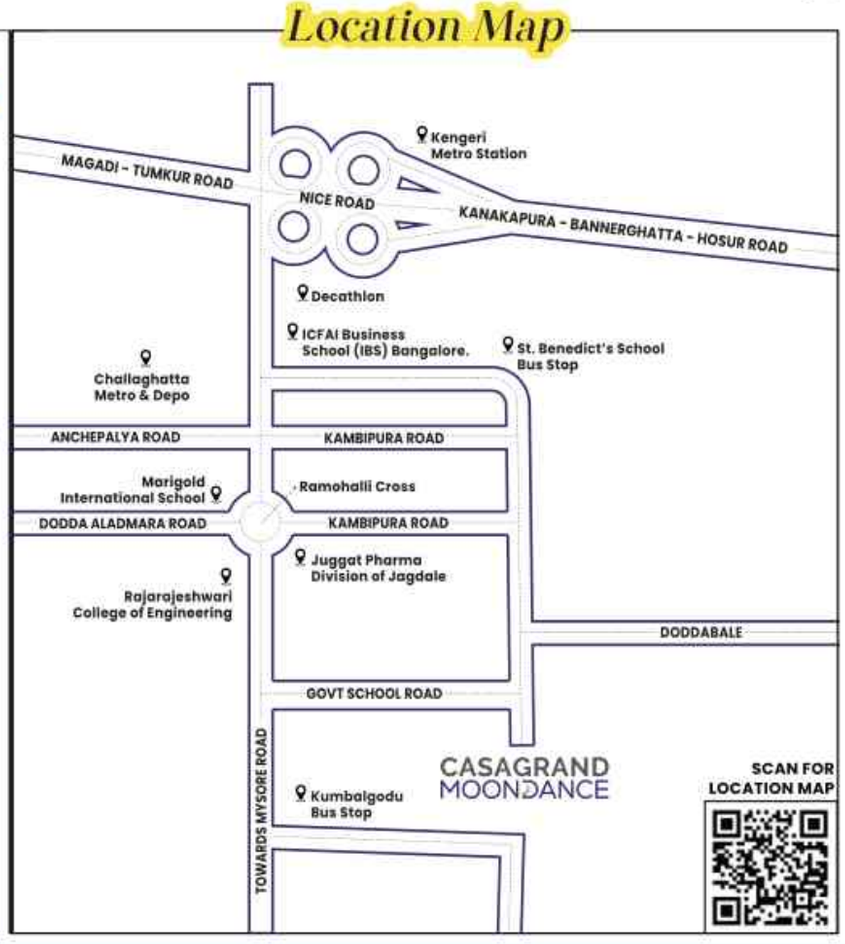
Don Bosco Institute	8 mins
NICE Road Junction	10 mins
RV College Belt	15 mins
Global Tech Park	15 mins
Gopalan Arcade Mall	18 mins

Location Map



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